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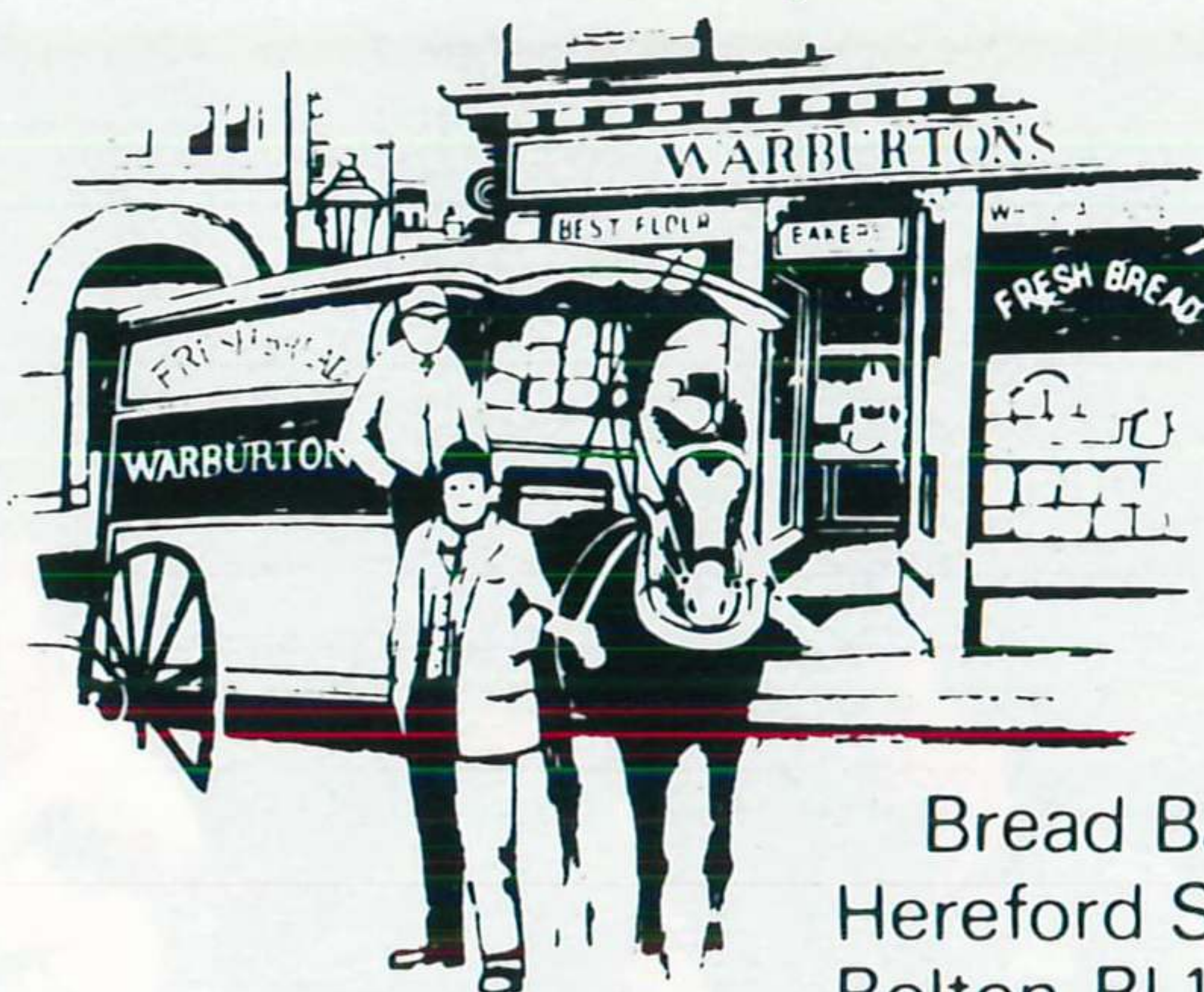
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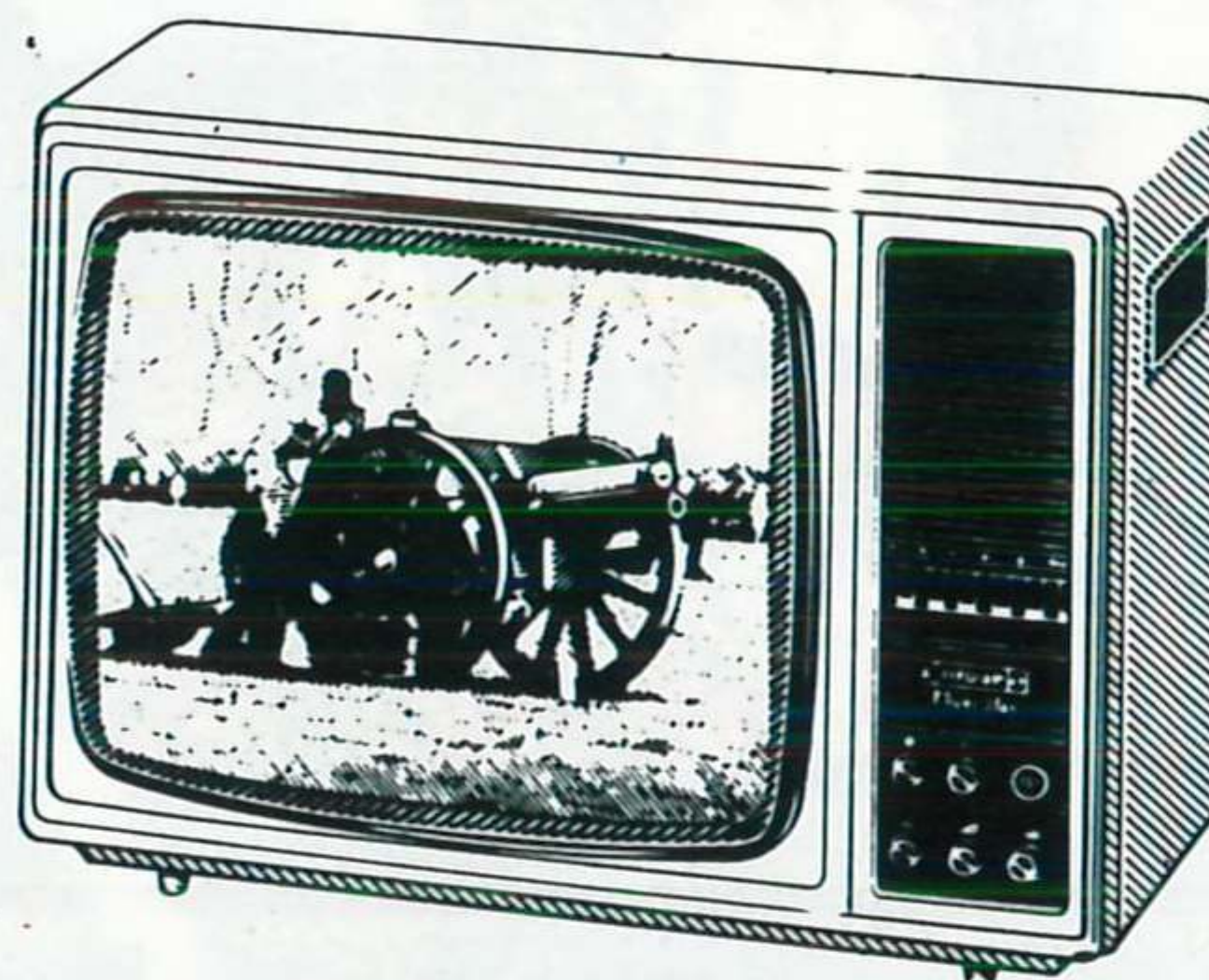
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Stan Anderson writes

I KNOW Malcolm Allison is regarded as being very forthright in his views but his statements last weekend concerning Manchester City's team astounded me.

Malcolm said his successor at Maine Road, John Bond, had inherited good players and inferred that much of the praise for City's recent good form should be down to him.

When the normal football supporter hears statements like that he must wonder what the game's coming too. On the one hand it's bad publicity for Mal himself, but I consider it the best possible publicity for John Bond.

The facts of the matter speak for themselves.

The facts are that apart from the first match when John Bond was in charge, City have taken 13 points from a possible 16. Now that is championship form. And on that basis, Malcolm's statement looks ludicrous.

But I'm afraid football is in that sort of a situation at the moment. We are listening to people like Malcolm and Tommy Docherty which are doing the game a great deal of harm.

Tommy says he doesn't watch football any more and goes to rugby matches instead and that there are only about four teams worth watching. But both he and Malcolm have had the opportunities to do something about it and the facts are that they have failed.

I know both Malcolm and Tommy very well and while I feel people would be prepared to take notice of what they have to say when they are actually working in football management, I really think they should keep quiet while they are not actually involved in the game.

They are controversial people and the critics and Press tend to go to these people for quotes. But it seems we are listening to two people here who have something to moan about — they are out to knock football.

It will be interesting, now that Malcolm is back into football, what his comments on the game will be. He has already said that Crystal Palace are on their way back up and there should be no worries about relegation.

But that remains to be seen.

Football can be a very cruel game.

Today's visitors, Orient, are going very well at the moment with 22 points before today's game.

You have to give them a great deal of credit for doing so well because although they have a loyal band of supporters, there aren't all that many of them and like so many other clubs they have to survive on quite low gates.

But they have managed to attract players like Stan Bowles and Peter Taylor and more importantly they were probably the first team to introduce coloured players into their team and make a success out of it.

Laurie Cunningham is the classic example with, more recently, John Chiedozie — excellent players.

It seems that particular working class area of London is rich in coloured talent and Orient are doing all the better for it.

Our Visits



Back Row (left to right) Stan Bowles, Kevin Godfrey, Tunji Banjo, Bobby Fisher, Mark McNeil.

Middle Row (left to right) Bill Songhurst (Physiotherapist), Alan Stephenson (Coach), Paul Went, Joe Mayo, Nigel Gray, Lloyd Scott, Mervyn Day, Sean Rafter, Ian Moores, John Margerrison, Steve Parsons, Stan White (Trainer), Len Cheesewright (Chief Scout).

Front Row (left to right*) Alan Whittle, Henry Hughton, Bill Roffey, Tommy Taylor, Jimmy Bloomfield (Manager), Ralph Coates, Billy Jennings, Mark Penfold, John Chiedozie.

ORIENT STAKE PROMOTION CLAIM

Almost unnoticed, Orient have been creeping up the Second Division table and they have now established themselves as one of the favourites to jump into the promotion reckoning should any of the three runaway leaders show any sign of cracking.

A vast improvement in away form has given them the impetus to have a go and the recent arrival of former England winger Peter Taylor, signed from Tottenham for £150,000, has given their attacking play that extra edge.

Orient picked up only one point from their opening four away games. After drawing at Bristol Rovers (1-1) on the opening day of the season, Orient lost at Cardiff (2-4), Wrexham (1-3) and Luton (1-2).

Home performances had been outstanding and it was only their away form that was holding them back. But, since the beginning of October, Orient have been beaten only once away from home, results going: Q.P.R. (0-0), Shrewsbury (2-1), Sheffield Wednesday (2-2), Swansea (2-0), Cambridge (0-1) and Oldham (1-0).

Peter Taylor is one of two new players to join Orient this season. Shortly before the campaign started, Stan Bowles arrived on a £100,000 transfer from Nottingham Forest.

Taylor appears to have been playing as a withdrawn winger as part of the midfield with Stan Bowles and Steve Parsons.

John Chiedozie, Joe Mayo and Ian Moores form the attack while the back four has been settled with Tommy

The O's

Taylor and Nigel Gray in the middle and Bobby Fisher and Bill Roffey on the flanks. Mervyn Day is in goal.

Peter Taylor's arrival has placed a question mark upon the future of John Margerrison who joined the club from Fulham for £75,000 in 1979. Striker Billy Jennings has also been out of the side and has been the subject of recent transfer talk.

Yet another missing face from the Orient side for many weeks is former England midfield man Ralph Coates who was injured at Cardiff in August.

When Orient achieve success they have to do it the hard way. With small attendances, they usually have to sell their star players before they can afford to dabble in the transfer market.

Apart from their local derby against Chelsea, which drew 11,950, Orient's home attendances this season have been averaging around the 5,000 mark.

Their League Cup clash with neighbouring Spurs was a most welcome bonus for the home leg attracted 20,087 to Brisbane Road. A run in the knockout competition would have been a big help but they were well beaten and must now await the F.A. Cup in January for another influx of cash.

Finance has always been a major problem for Orient, though. With big clubs like Arsenal, Spurs and West Ham on their doorstep, they have always had to struggle for support.

Their recent flush of success in the League, though, has given rise to hopes that they might earn another crack at First Division football. That would certainly give their finances a welcome boost.

They did make one brief appearance in the First Division in 1962. But life at the top was a struggle from the outset. They remained for only one season and they then faced extinction as the debts piled up. The club was kept alive by collections at the ground. The possibility of moving home to Romford was under serious consideration. But somehow they managed to survive in their own headquarters.

They went down into the Third Division in 1966 and it took them four years to gain promotion again. Since then they have existed in Division Two. Last season they threatened to break into the promotion reckoning with an excellent run from October until January.

Alas, their poor start had left them too much to make up and they never quite made a full impact. Towards the end of the season they faded again and they closed with a run of 10 games without a win which gave them a final placing of 14th.

MERVYN DAY (Goalkeeper). Mervyn won England youth and under-23 caps during his West Ham days. After making more than 200 first-team appearances for the Hammers, he was transferred to Orient for £100,000 in 1979.

BOBBY FISHER (Defender). Bobby has earned a reputation for being one of the best attacking full-backs in the Second Division. He developed in the junior sides at Brisbane Road and was ever-present last season. Bobby now looks back on more than 250 League appearances for the club.

NIGEL GRAY (Defender). Nigel completed his apprenticeship with Orient and made his first appearance in their League eleven in 1974/75. He completed his first century of League appearances last season.

TOMMY TAYLOR (Defender). Tommy began with Orient but was transferred to West Ham for £78,000 in 1970. After gaining England under-23 honours, he returned to Orient in 1979 for what was then a club record £70,000 fee.

BILL ROFFEY (Defender). Bill served his apprenticeship with Crystal Palace and made 24 League appearances for them. He joined Orient in 1973 and has been their left-back for much of the time since.

HENRY HUGHTON (Defender/Midfield). Henry came through from the juniors and won an immediate first-team spot after being introduced to the side in 1978. This season he has not been in the team so often.

STAN BOWLES (Midfield). Former England cap Stan was signed from Nottingham Forest for £100,000 in the summer. After playing First Division football for Manchester City in the late 'sixties, Stan spent short periods with Bury and Crewe before joining Carlisle for £12,000 in 1971. The Cumbrians sold him to Q.P.R. for £110,000 just over a year later and, while with the London club, he won five England caps. He moved on to Nottingham Forest for £250,000 last season.

STEVE PARSONS (Midfield). Steve, once a Fulham junior, joined Wimbledon from Walton & Hersham in 1978 and made 97 League appearances for the Dons before moving to Orient for £42,000 last season.

JOHN MARGERRISON (Midfield). John didn't get into Tottenham's League eleven but got his chance after moving on to Fulham. He made more than 70 League appearances for the Cottagers, then signed for Orient for £75,000 in 1979.

IAN MOORES (Midfield/Forward). Ian has returned to scoring form and is one of the Os' leading marksmen with nine goals. Once with Stoke, he joined Spurs for £80,000 in 1976 and moved on to Orient for a similar fee two years later.

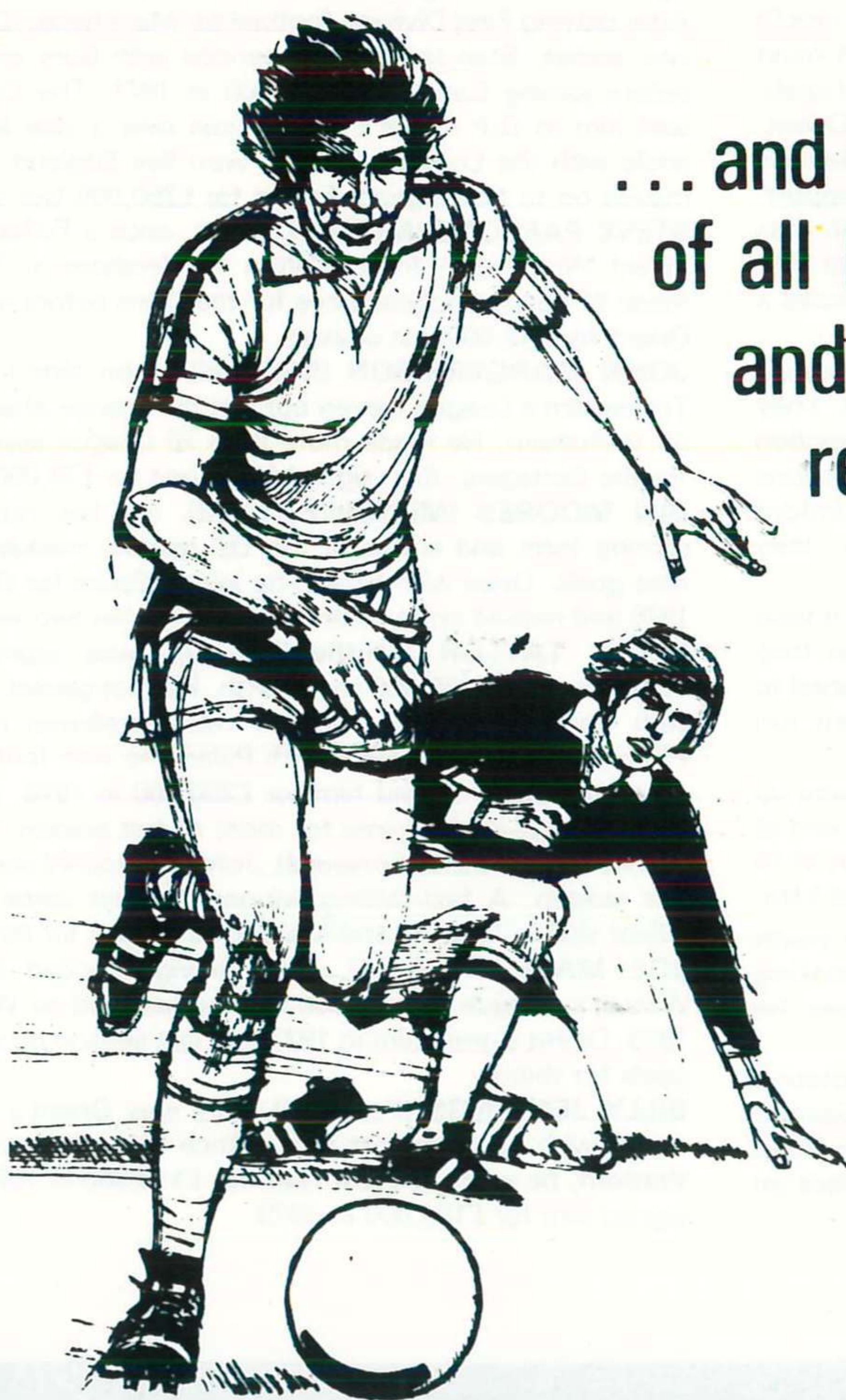
PETER TAYLOR (Midfield). Peter was signed from Tottenham for £150,000 last month. He first gained attention with Southend and in 1973 he was transferred to Crystal Palace for £120,000. While with Palace he won four England caps and Spurs signed him for £200,000 in 1976. An injury kept him out of the game for most of last season.

JOHN CHIEDOZIE (Forward). John has scored seven times this season. A fast-raiding winger, he first came into the Orient side in 1976/77 and has been a regular for three years.

JOE MAYO (Forward). After being blooded briefly in Walsall's League eleven Joe was transferred to W.B.A. in 1973. Orient signed him in 1977 and last season he scored 13 goals for them.

BILLY JENNINGS (Forward). Billy was Orient's joint top scorer with 13 goals last term. Once a leading scorer with Watford, he went to West Ham for £110,000 in 1974. Orient signed him for £100,000 in 1979.

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Club Scene

TADDY SAYS FAREWELL

One of the most popular characters on the Burnden scene, Polish star Tadeusz Nowak said farewell to Wanderers this week.

Taddy, who joined Wanderers from crack Polish club Legia Warsaw in April last year, flew to Hanover in West Germany where he is expected to join the German 1st Division side.

His exciting skills and terrific pace made Taddy an instant hit at Burnden Park and his happy attitude both on and off the field will long be remembered.

Before leaving, Taddy wished everyone connected with the club every success in the future and said the club would always be close to his heart.

"I would like to say thank you to everyone at Bolton, the fans, the directors, the management and the players for making me welcome and making my stay here a happy one," he said.

"Bolton will always be my second club and I shall always be checking to see their results."

MIKE GETS CALL

More representative honours seem to be on the way for Wanderers' youngster Mike Bennett.

Mike, who celebrates his 18th birthday on Friday, has been named in a party of 33 players for an England Youth get-together at Lilleshall National Sports Centre on December 15-17.

Mike has already gained youth international honours and has the distinction of having skippered the side.

YOUTH CUP SUCCESS

Two goals from Barry Taylor and one each from Kevin Gratton and Mike Bennett gave Wanderers a superb 4-0 victory over Notts County here at Burnden Park in the second round of the FA Youth Cup.

Wanderers, who received a bye in the first round of the competition were more than a match for the Notts County youngsters and gave a fine team display in terrible conditions.

The game was played in a howling gale and there was rain, hail and snow to contend with. But Wanderers stuck to the task well and were always in control.

Taylor scored first directly from a corner in the first half and after first Gratton and then Bennett had hit the target, he was there again right on the final whistle to round off a fine individual performance.

The successful Youth team was: Farnworth, Berry, Fitzharris, Atherton, Jenkins, Kay, Taylor, Foster, Gratton, Bennett, Conway and substitute Mulligan.

The Lancashire FA Youth Cup 2nd round tie against Oldham Athletic has been arranged for Wednesday December 10 at Boundary Park, kick off 7pm.

JUNIOR WHITE NEWS

Many thanks from everyone at Bolton Wanderers, to those 300 or so who attended our "Meet The Players" night last month. It was also nice to see so many parents attend as well, because although this is the Juniors Club, parents are most welcome to attend meetings. Parents are also reminded that one advantage of membership is the 10% discount on items over £1 (not programmes) from the "Happy Shop". When seeing Geoff Street for your souvenirs please produce your membership card to obtain the discount. I would like to give a big welcome to our first mascots from the "Junior Whites", the Knowles Brothers, Richard and Jason from Brightmet. These boys suffer from an hereditary eye disease and a fund has been set up to send them to Moscow for vital treatment. Our first club night of the New Year will be Monday 12th January at 6.30 when 4 or 5 of the players will be bringing shirts, matchballs and medals for you to see, and also answering your questions. If you require any more details of events or membership please drop us a line at Burnden.



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A PUNISHMENT TO FIT THE CRIME

COLIN
BENSON

The unique seminar of Football League club chairman at Solihull last October, seems to have been a great success. Now it is a case of ensuring that their proposals are followed through and brought into practice.

One item which was dealt with, not before time, was the so-called "professional foul". The club officials recommended that referees should be instructed to punish offenders by sending them off.

A smiling Jimmy Hill, the chairman of Coventry City, happily declared afterwards, that this should eventually stamp the practice out and that we should not see cynical fouls — such as the one perpetrated by Arsenal's Willie Young on young Paul Allen in last seasons Cup Final at Wembley.

I hate to appear cynical, but I can't for the life of me see such a practice having any affect at all. Don't read me wrong, I fully support the directors suggestion and agree that the culprits should be sent off, it is just that I do not think the threat will act as a deterrent, and secondly I do not think the punishment is just anyway.

NO SECOND THOUGHTS

Firstly I don't think it will work because in the heat of the moment when a player has broken clean through towards the goal, the defender is confronted with just two alternatives. Either let him score, or pull him down. And to be frank I don't think they will have second thoughts, sending off or no sending off.

It also passes on more responsibility to the referee who must be positive that it was a deliberate act to foul the player and not just a mistimed tackle. And if there is a flicker of doubt in the referees mind then he can not send a player off.

But let me come to my point about the punishment fitting the crime. In most cases these acts of blatant intention to physically

stop an opponent, happen outside the penalty area. The foul is committed and the inevitable direct free-kick awarded by the referee.

NO ADVANTAGE

By the time the kick is taken, the attacking side are confronted by a wall of eleven shirts as the defending side pull everybody back behind the ball. In effect what has happened is that a perfectly good chance to score has evaporated into practically no chance at all.

In other words although the free-kick has been awarded the advantage has been taken



away from the attacking side and given to the offending team. The villain of the piece so to speak has come out on top.

Now if the object of the exercise, as I am sure it is, is to help inventive attacking play and stamp down on destructive spoiling tactics then obviously the creative team should not lose the advantage it has already manipulated.

If that is the case then surely there is a valid argument for either a penalty or secondary penalty, from say 18 yards, to be awarded. Such reward would not only be just and uphold the tradition of supporting the positive but it would also be far more of a deterrent to offending players.

I HATE THE LONG

ROGER DAVIES is a hero in North America right now. The 6' 2½" striker blasted an impressive 23 goals for Seattle Sounders in the season now completed, a record that earned him the accolade of the League's most Valuable Player in 1980.

Not bad going for a player who scored just 40 times in 144 Football League appearances, on loan to Preston and with Derby County (twice) and Leicester City.

Just over a year ago the lanky Davies had been welcomed back to the fold when Derby's new boss Colin Addison signed him from Tulsa Roughnecks to solve his "desperate" goalscoring famine.

It ended a four year globetrotting stint for Davies who had served his time with Belgian club Bruges before crossing the Atlantic.

"It's just fabulous, great, just like going home again. It has taken me a long while but I have eventually made it back," he told me shortly after rejoining the club he refers to as "a big family."

The reunion was short lived however, and Derby County cancelled the contract some 22 games and just three goals later in March 1980.

It was back to the States for the former Worcester City player, back to the short ball game that suites his style, back to the Seattle Sounders and ultimate success.

Roger blames his failure to make an impact on the English scene, on the fact that the emphasis here is placed solidly on the physical aspects of the game rather than the technical side.

He explains: "I have played in Belgium and North America and I have certainly become a more patient player and think much more about the game. Belgian football was far more technical. They concentrate on technique with the ball and it is much less physical.

"The English game to me is still very physical, which I am not decrying, but a lot of teams just bang the ball forward and charge. In Belgium they don't play like that at all, it is all build up and I prefer to play that way, that's how my mind works now.

POOR ODDS

"I have never been really quick, my game has always been on the skilful side, so it suited me out there. And if ever I become a coach or a manager that is the way I would want to play. I hate the long ball game. It would not bother me if you kept going up and back and playing it back to the goalkeeper all day, just as long as you keep possession, that's the main thing.

"In England they play the ball quickly up to the fellows who are supposed to get to it. For me that is wasteful as there is something like a 40-60 or even 30-70% chance of them getting the ball, and those are bad odds, in any language.

"You see centre-halves and defenders here are good in the air and they are facing the ball which makes it

easier for them. They will keep doing it all day so what you are doing is just giving the ball away.

"When England play that way at international level, inferior nations can make us look bad when we revert to long balls in the air. They make us look ordinary because it is easy to counter and then play it around a bit and look good themselves. Now if we played the ball around they could not match us.

"And don't tell me that is not our style, because at international level players should be capable of playing like that.

"You have got to stick by what you feel is right. If something is right you have to keep working at it regardless. Four or five years ago when England suffered that bad period, I thought they should have brought all the youngsters through — and there were a lot of good kids around — and concentrate on them regardless of the results. Ignore them. If we had been beaten then so what! We could have got something from the performances and if we had the same team playing together for four years we would have an accomplished side now. Still young and forming a firm basis for the World Cup."

CHANCE

Just what then did Belgian football offer Davies that he could not get at home?

"Their coaching and general outlook on the game is much more thorough," is the reply. "The coach we had at Bruges was great, although I did not get on with him in the end and that is why I came back, but I learned a lot under him.

"We only had one hard running session without the ball, a week and two or three times we would train twice a day. Every session lasted an hour and it revolved around the ball and movement off it.

"I think in England we expect things to just happen on a Saturday. It is a case of go out there and play and something happens, either through good fortune, luck or good play. It is not worked enough on in training.

"The team go out on a Saturday and if they play pretty well and they win, then that's it. 'What did we do last week? We'll do the same again'. They win again and it's 'What did we do last week?' We don't try to improve anything, try and work and develop we just stick to set patterns.

"Now everything can't go right in a game, something is bound to go wrong, but they still stick to the routine because "maybe" it is the formula to success.

"Perhaps there is too much at stake and managers are afraid to experiment because they could lose their job if the results are not immediate. I don't know, but it is very sad.

A DEGREE

"The game is all about playing with the ball. In

ING BALL GAME

Belgium we had so many moves and alternatives you felt you needed a degree in football sometimes. But it was enjoyable. The ball would be played here there and everywhere but they always finished with a shot on goal.

"The point is it was worked on, it didn't just happen. And if a particular sequence only came off once in a season that was a good enough bonus."



After hearing all this one can not be blamed for assuming that continental coaches and players must be that more intelligent than our own. But such a supposition just prompts a response of laughter.

"I think it is more to do with upbringing," smiles Roger. "Over there they are taught right from school, technical football so eventually it becomes second nature. They are drilled in technique from an early age

and so there is no big difference if they eventually turn professional.

"Here at school they do their own thing, the kids don't get much tuition from professionals. I'm still not sure whether this is good or bad because at that age they should only be playing for fun anyway. But when they get to 11, 12 or 13 years, that is when I think the emphasis should be placed on technique and skill."

Back to the senior game and Roger Davies pinpoints the major difference between the British and foreign styles.

He says: "In England it is very unusual to see back four players taking forwards out of the game, whereas in Europe they actually do this. They will play a one-two and go around you, but here they are more content to play safe and push the ball square across the pitch."

"In Belgium they are not scared of leaving a one on one situation at the back. It all goes back to skill. They have it and therefore the confidence to do things and what's more they get away with it."

"It is the same in America. Last year in my first term out there with Tulsa, we played the Cosmos in the play-offs. We beat them 3-0 at home, mainly through our aggressive game, which was the way we played because we did not have the players."

"But when we met them in the return game it was a different story. We lost 3-0 and did not get a kick, I have never been so humiliated in my whole life. The ball was flying around and I got dizzy watching it."

"The back-four consisted of an Iranian Eskandarian, Reisberger, Carlos Alberto and Marinho. Beckenbauer was in midfield. We could not get near to the ball and all the trouble was initiated by their back-four."

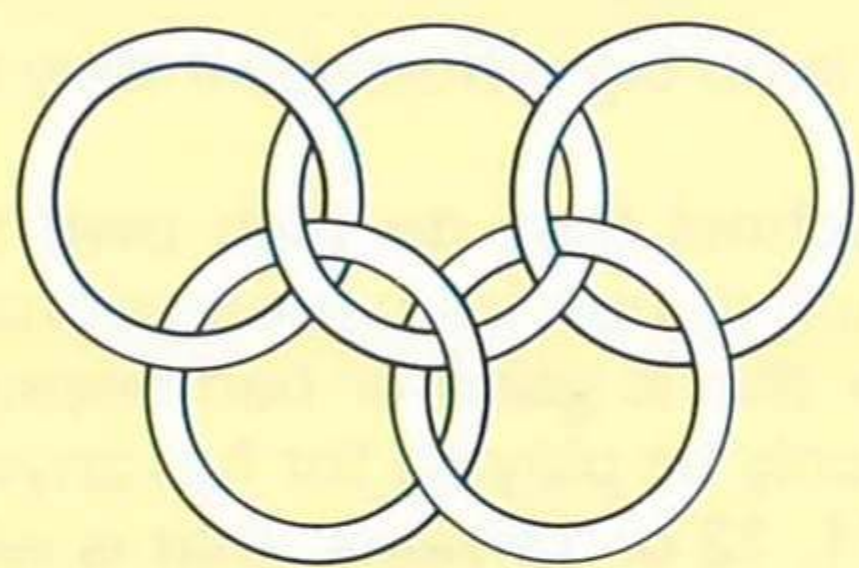
"It is a slower type of football in America but it looks good. In Belgium it might look slower with the build up but when they get to the final zone then they really go. You don't need to rush from the back anyway. If the ball is played too quickly there is no one there or no support and so it is better to take your time and keep possession."

Davies obviously thinks deeply about the game and I asked him if he intended going into coaching.

"Yes", is the short answer which he then elaborated on. "I would like to have a go and put my theories to the test. It is alright going round preaching these things but you don't know until you put them into practice whether you are right or not. I think I am but we will see."

In the interim the articulate Davies continues his flourishing playing career in the NASL. Whether he could eventually put his theories to the test in the Football League is questionable, whatever their merits. Old traditions die hard as they say, and Roger has already proved as a player, that he is more suited to the slower more precise build ups of the continental and American games, and this could well be where his future lies.

THE OLYMPIC



FIASCO

The future of the Olympic Games, that once great sporting occasion that has become the victim of politics and politicians — the West included — is at the crossroads. Will it survive? I believe it will as will the wrangling and disruptive undertones that surround it but the organisers have more than just nationalism to contend with, they have internal conflicts within the games to iron out.

Not least of these is the slur of Shamateurism, an argument that is particularly pertinent to the Olympic football tournament.

Czechoslovakia won the Moscow Olympic gold medal with a squad of players that included goalkeepers; Stanislav Seaman and Jaroslav Netolicka, midfielders Frantisek Stambachr and Jan Berger and forwards Ladislav Vizek, Petr Nemec and Werner Licka.

You recognise some of those names? That's not surprising for all those players were in the full Czechoslovakia squad for the European Championship finals in Italy last summer.

Likewise the home nation Russia, also paraded a team based on their strongest resources, using their famous Tibilis-Kiev-Spartak side, a team that had recently beaten the full might of Brazil by 2-1 in Rio.

The fact that there is no professional football as such in the Eastern bloc turns such competitions as the Olympic Games into a total farce. The whole thing has become so polarised it has simply turned into the Eastern bloc games.

Look at the record. The last time the "West" won an Olympic gold medal at football was way back in 1948, when Sweden defeated Yugoslavia 3-1 at Wembley Stadium.

Since then only one country from the "West" has even appeared in the final and that was in Rome in 1960 when Denmark lost 3-1 to Yugoslavia. Prior to that Hungary had beaten Yugoslavia 2-0 in 1952 and the Slavs were the losers again in 1956 when Russia took the title.

In 1964 Hungary defeated Czechoslovakia 2-1 and retained the title with a 4-1 victory over Bulgaria four years later. In the Munich games of 1972, the USSR, East Germany, Poland and Hungary contested the semi-finals with Poland eventually defeating Hungary 2-1 in the final.

Brazil actually split the "Eastern" domination in Montreal although they finished only fourth behind East Germany who beat Poland 3-1 and Russia.

But once again in Moscow last summer it was back to the old pattern with Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Russia and East Germany contesting the semi-finals.

If the Olympic organisers can not find a suitable answer to this situation then they should surely drop football from the Olympic programme. It certainly seems ridiculous that the "East" should be allowed to get away with fielding their 'professionals' in a supposedly amateur competition.

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He says: "sometimes I get out on the left wing and stay there a while, and the other team think my mind's not on the game. They couldn't be more wrong. There's only one thing on my mind throughout a match — getting the ball in the net.

"The only time I don't mind not scoring is when we win anyway."

Nehoda was born in a little village in Moravia on May 9th 1952, and after playing for the local team as a kid, he joined the First Division club Gottwaldov. But after only one season, he attracted the attention of the famous Army team in the capital, Dukla Prague.

He has been playing for them ever since, and spends a great deal of time travelling with them and with the national team. So he has very little time to spare for his wife and their two sons — a schedule which does not please him.

"Most of the time you can push it all to the back of your mind," he says. "But then it hits you harder — especially after you've lost a match. It is when you are at a low ebb that you start to think about the sacrifices it means being a footballer."

LAW MAN

Those sacrifices include for Nehoda, a lack of practice in his chosen profession, which is the law. He is a qualified lawyer, just like Claudio Sulser, the Grasshopper's forward.

Nehoda forged a very telling partnership with the classy Mario Masny in the national team, and Stefan Kovacs, Rumania's national team manager and the founder father of total football, said: "Nehoda and Masny? There is only one other pair like them in Europe, and that's Italy's Paolo Rossi and Roberto Bettega". High praise indeed, but well deserved.

Nehoda is a more effective player than Masny, as was reflected in the recent poll for the Czech "Footballer of the Year". Zdenek Nehoda won the title with 446 votes, well ahead of Barmos and Masny.

FINEST HOUR

He made his international debut against England in 1973, when the two teams drew 1-1 in Prague, and he has been a regular member of the team ever since.



Their finest hour came in the 1976 European Championship Finals, when in Belgrade, Czechoslovakia captured the title by beating West Germany in the penalty contest after a 2-2 draw. "We were really flying high," he says. "We all found exceptional form together. But you can't keep it up forever. We lost three of our best players — Viktor, Capkovic and Ondrus — because of injury, and that destroyed the style of our team. That is why we didn't get past Scotland and couldn't qualify for Argentina in 1978."

This time, Czechoslovakia are in the same group as Wales and Russia, and Nehoda is optimistic that they will qualify, and that he will be able to show his class and individual style to their best advantage in Spain.

He enthuses: "We are now coming again to a period just like 1976. We haven't won all our games lately, but the important factor is that our national team manager, Dr Josef Venglos, has had time in which to work, and we have got a lot of our old style and rhythm back. We're not afraid to take the game to anyone — just as we did during the European Championship Finals in Italy, and in the Olympic Games in Russia".

Zdenek Nehoda, a stocky figure, is a footballer I admire. He has the knack of scoring "impossible goals". Indeed, he scored his 100th League goal at the age of 26, a great honour in Czech football. He has pace, imagination and courage. I am looking forward to seeing him star for his country in the World Cup qualifying matches, and later on, perhaps, in the global tournament itself.

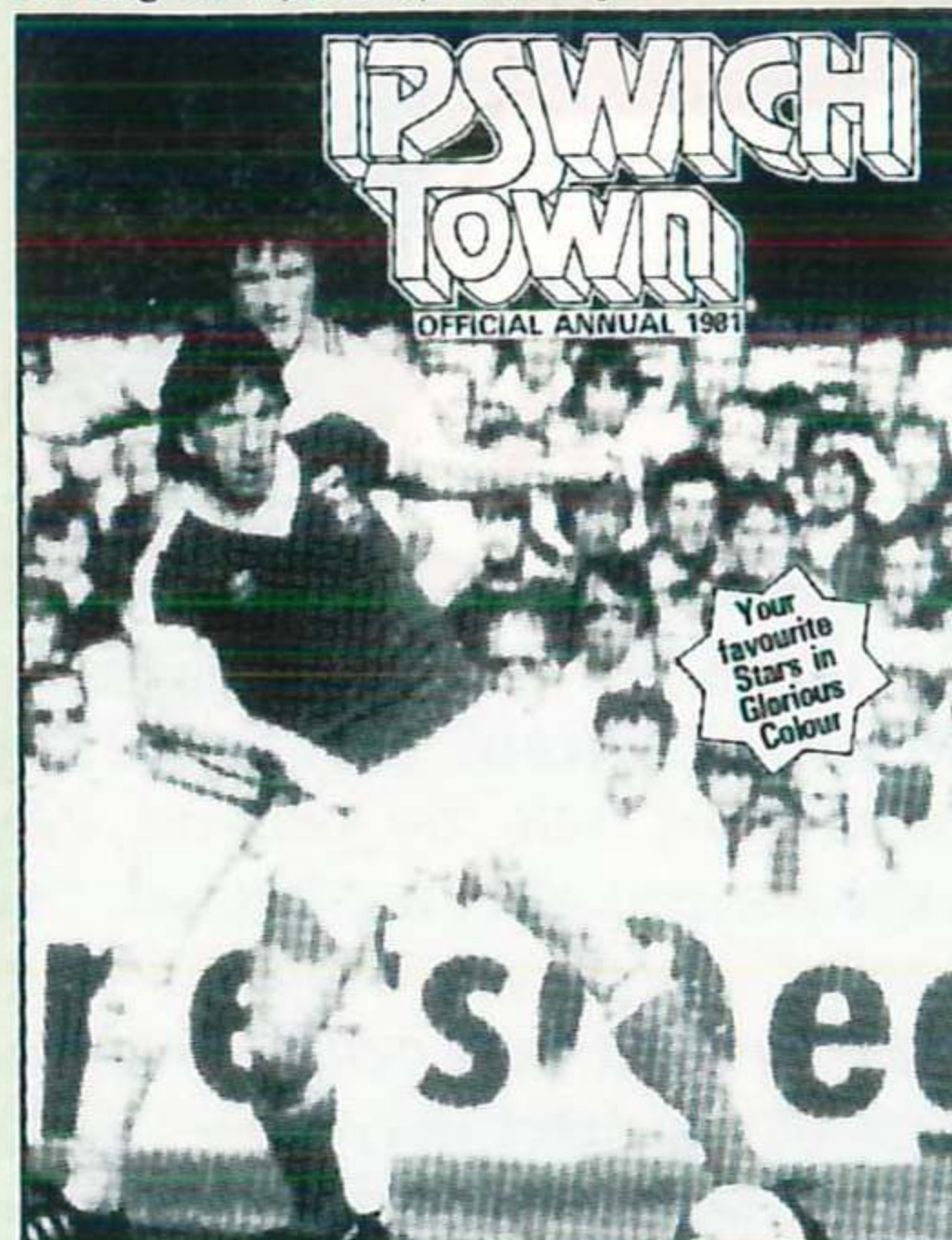
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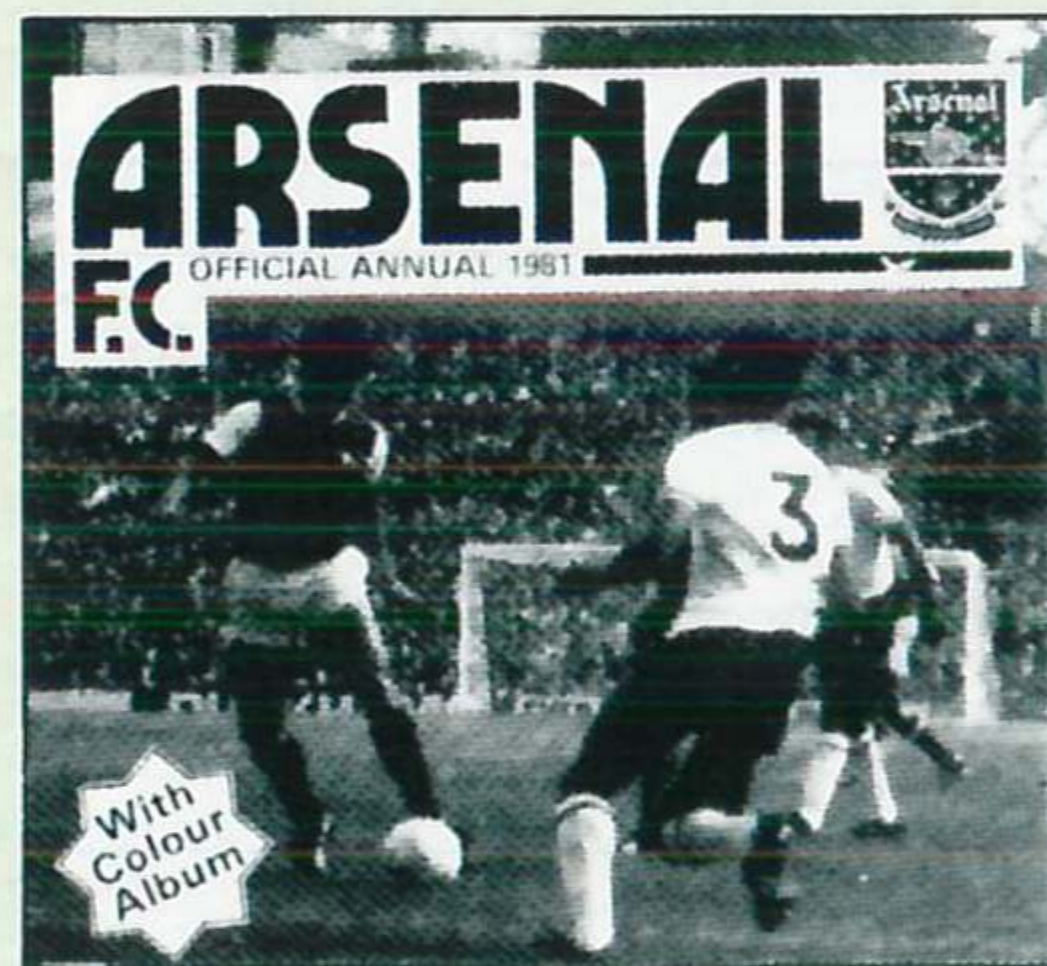
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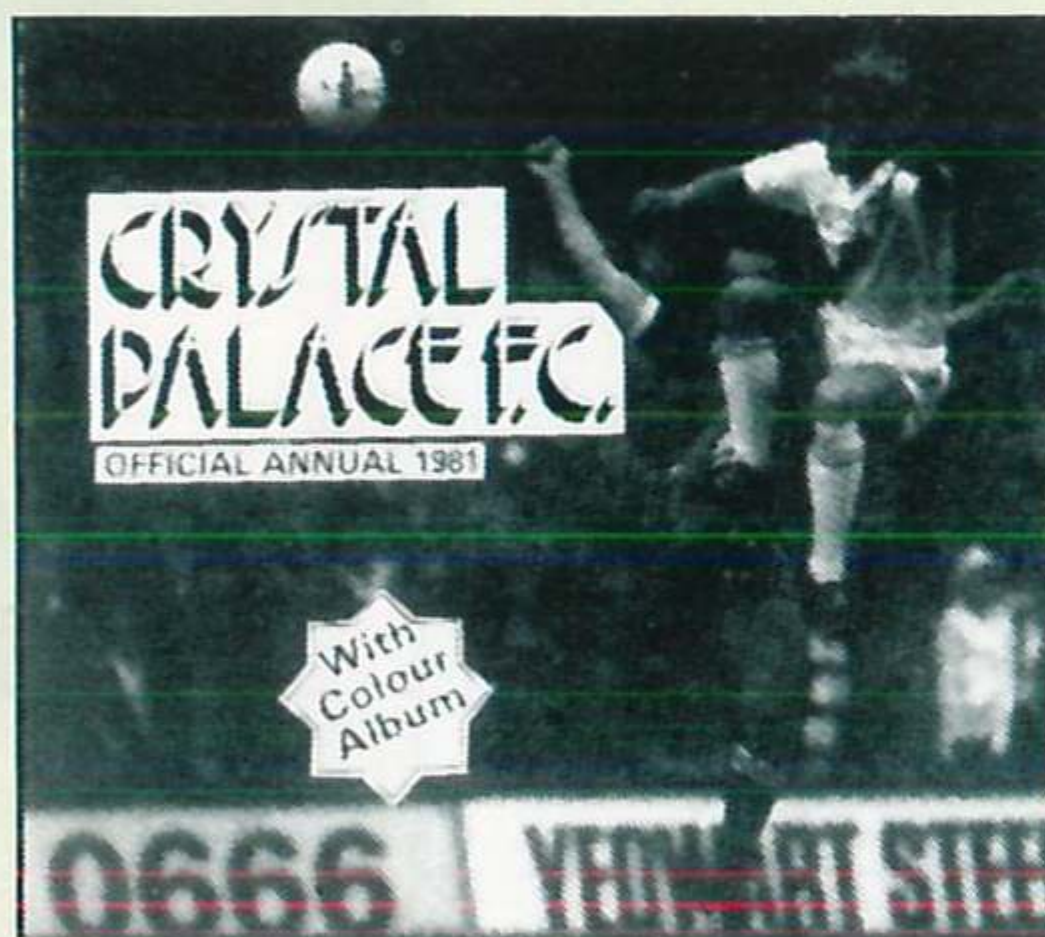


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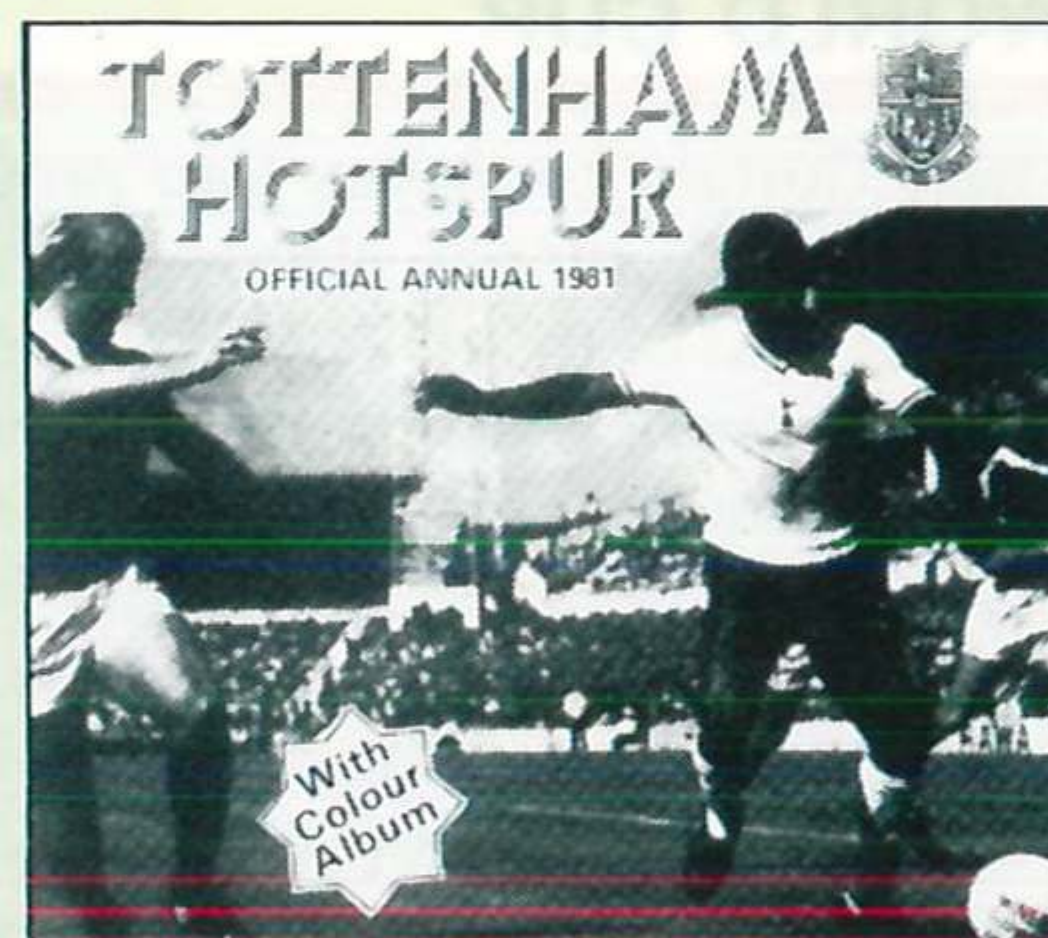
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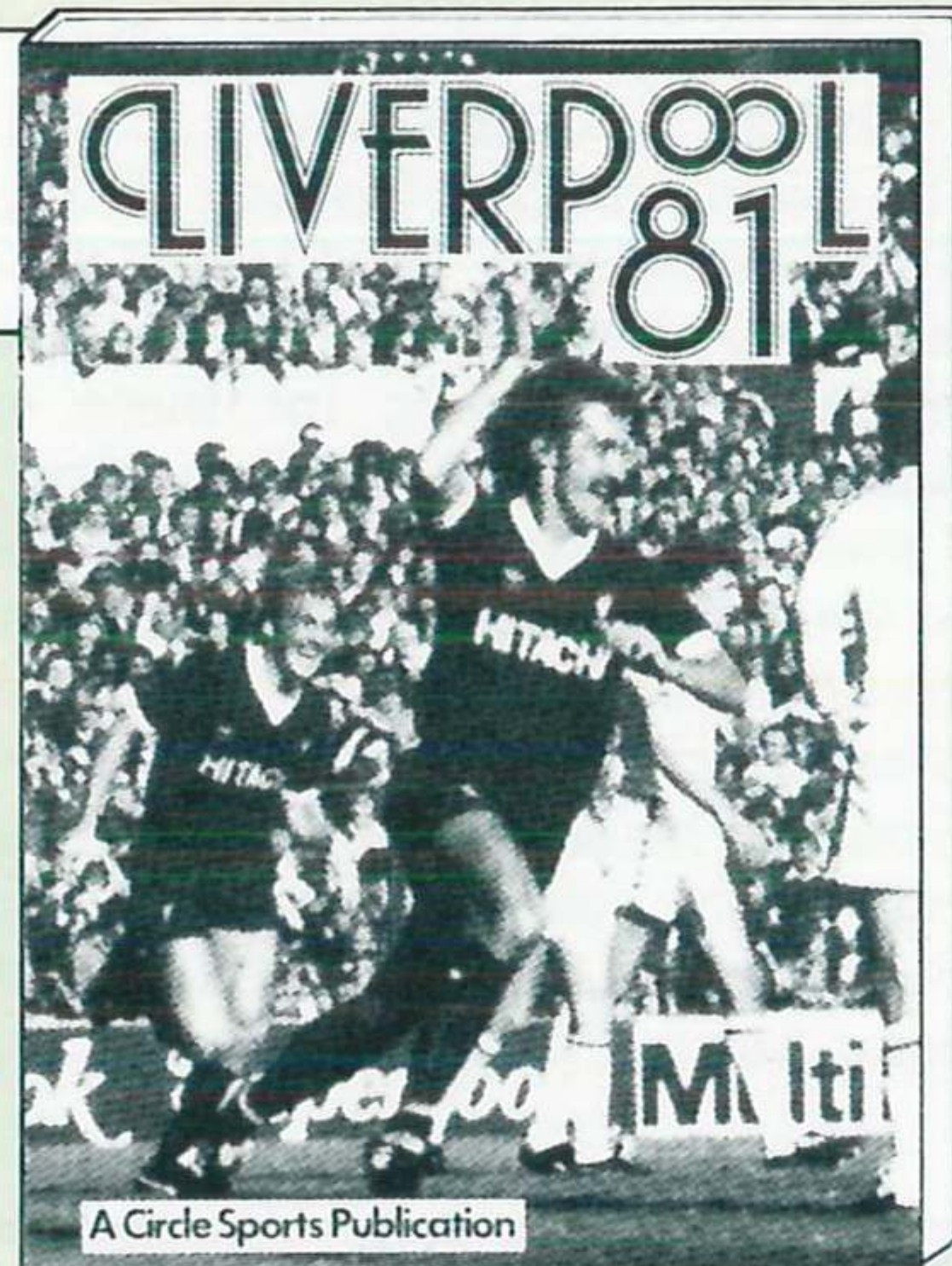
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TALKS FOOTBALL



In my last article I talked about soccer hooliganism and I said that I would tell you this week what it is like back home in Argentina.

We have a terrible reputation for violence on the field in Argentina and I am sorry to say that the conduct of the players gets worse and worse rather than better. There are far more sendings off than here, yet there is very little violence from the fans, in fact there is practically no trouble whatsoever.

Of course there is the odd incident or two at big local derby matches but nothing to compare with say an Arsenal v Tottenham Hotspur game.

I don't know why this is, because in South America the people live much more by the heart, are much more emotional and certainly more volatile. But they don't go to football matches to fight. They go to talk, talk about football which is one of their loves. They sometimes say crazy things and scathing things about the players but they never fight with other people.

It could be to do with our social habits. You see in Argentina we don't drink much at all, not at football matches, not socially, not in everyday life. And I think that has an important bearing on what we are talking about. Cut all the alcoholic drink out and you might have a different situation.

Apart from that if you do something bad in Argentina the law is much stricter than here.

Maybe if you were brought before a court for a first offence you would be given just a few days in prison or a very hefty fine, but do it again and your life would not be worth living. They can be very severe, especially with acts of vandalism.

Perhaps that is what is needed here, I don't know it is not for me to judge. I only know that what goes on out there on the terraces and in the streets sickens us players deeply and it has to be tackled or it will get worse.

When there is trouble on the terraces I must admit it does not bother me during the game, you can not afford to let your concentration lapse at this level anyway. But I think if there were similar problems in Argentina, the referee would just simply stop the match until law and order was restored again.

ENGLISH IS BEST

BY JOHN NOLAN

There is one area of football where we have quite rightly claimed that English is best and that is in the art of goalkeeping.

Over the years British and in particular English goalkeepers have maintained a consistently high standard of performance. Good handling, unflapability, bravery and positional sense are the hallmarks of their trade, and what's more they have proved dependable.

Personally, the best goalkeeper I have ever seen was Gordon Banks, the man who will be remembered for that unbelievable save from Pele in the World Cup finals of 1970. Yet all through the history of the game the names roll off the tongue with consummate ease.



Legends such as Frank Swift, Gill Merrick, Jack Kelsey and Tommy Lawrence and a host of other greats who have defied the greatest forwards of their era.

Today Ray Clemence, Peter Shilton and Pat Jennings stand out above the rest as world class performers, with Joe Corrigan and Phil Parkes not far behind. But why is it that we traditionally produce top class players in this position?

It is certainly not the air or the water and it is nothing to do with genetics either. I had a long chat with one of the greatest exponents of the art, Ray Clemence of Liverpool and England, and he disclosed an interesting fact about the methods of coaching on the continent.

One of the biggest criticisms we have of continental 'keepers, is that they prefer to punch balls away rather than catch them. Some people think it is because they are scared of the possibility of physical contact with on rushing forwards, but listen to what Ray Clemence has to say.

INSTRUCTED

"Yes that has always been a big thing with continental goalkeepers," he says, "and that I believe is one of the advantages English goalkeepers have over the continentals, the fact that we are prepared to catch crosses whereas they prefer to punch them.

"I know for a fact that this is the case in Germany and both Kevin (Keegan) and Tony (Woodcock) who have played out there, have told me why.

"It appears that when they practice crosses into the box, the goalkeepers are always instructed to punch the ball. Even when they are not under any pressure from opponents they are still told to punch the ball away all the time.

"To me that is a bad thing because a punched ball can go anywhere. If you catch it then you have immediately killed the

attack and it is in your power to start your side off on a counter attack.

"I know that balls punched back into play make for exciting viewing, but I would rather be safe and forget about the excitement.

"A goalkeepers job is to be safe and sound and give confidence to everybody else around him. I am sure if you asked any defenders you would find that they will have a lot more confidence and trust in the person behind them if he is going to catch everything, rather than parry or punch the ball."

It would seem then that it is the instructions rather than the exponents that are responsible for the situation. Of course there have been great foreign goalkeepers like Lev Yashin of Russia, Zepp Mier of West Germany and the seemingly ageless Italian Dino Zoff, but one wonders how many more there could have been had they been given the right coaching.

FOREIGNERS

Already our domination is being put to the test. Three English League clubs have recruited the services of foreign goalkeepers.

Chelsea set the ball rolling last season when they signed Yugoslavian Petar Borota, from Partizan and since then two more Yugoslavs have joined the ranks with Ivan Katalinic moving to Southampton and Radojko Auramovic signing for Notts County.

County manager Jimmy Sirrel an old campaigner and a shrewd negotiator is delighted with the form of Auramovic, who has been one of the reasons for the sides successful run to the top of the Second Division.

And yet he told me, "I could have picked from six, that is how plentiful good goalkeepers are in Yugoslavia just now."

Of course the main attraction is the lower fees League clubs have to shell out for foreign stars, but there is no denying that they are proving their worth.

The overall standard is definitely improving. Ipswich Town fans must have been impressed with Zdenek Hruska, when Bohemians of Prague visited Portman Road



IVAN KATALINIC

in a UEFA Cup tie. The 6' 3" giant displayed a positive approach, culminating in a tremendous save from a snap shot by Mick Mills. As the ball screamed towards the top corner of the net, Hruska, the current Czech national keeper, dived spectacularly to catch it and hold it.

Yugoslavia like us has a long tradition of fine custodians. Their style might be different — a little more flamboyant, flashy if you like — but they are dramatically entertaining shot stoppers even if they do not display the consistency of the Anglo Saxons. Anyway it seems only natural that if you were looking outside these Isles for a 'keeper that you should turn to the Yugoslavs.

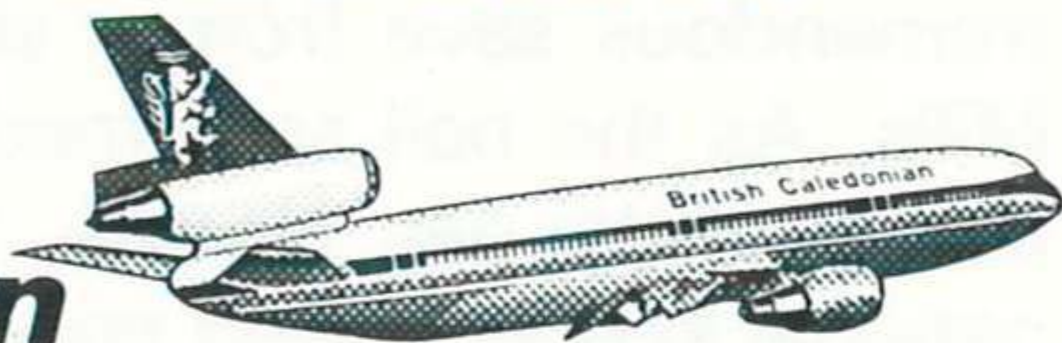
Nevertheless I still maintain that we have the best, not only in quality but quantity as well. Even down in the Third and Fourth Divisions there are many fine and competent goalkeepers around, players that would be worth their weight in gold on the continent.

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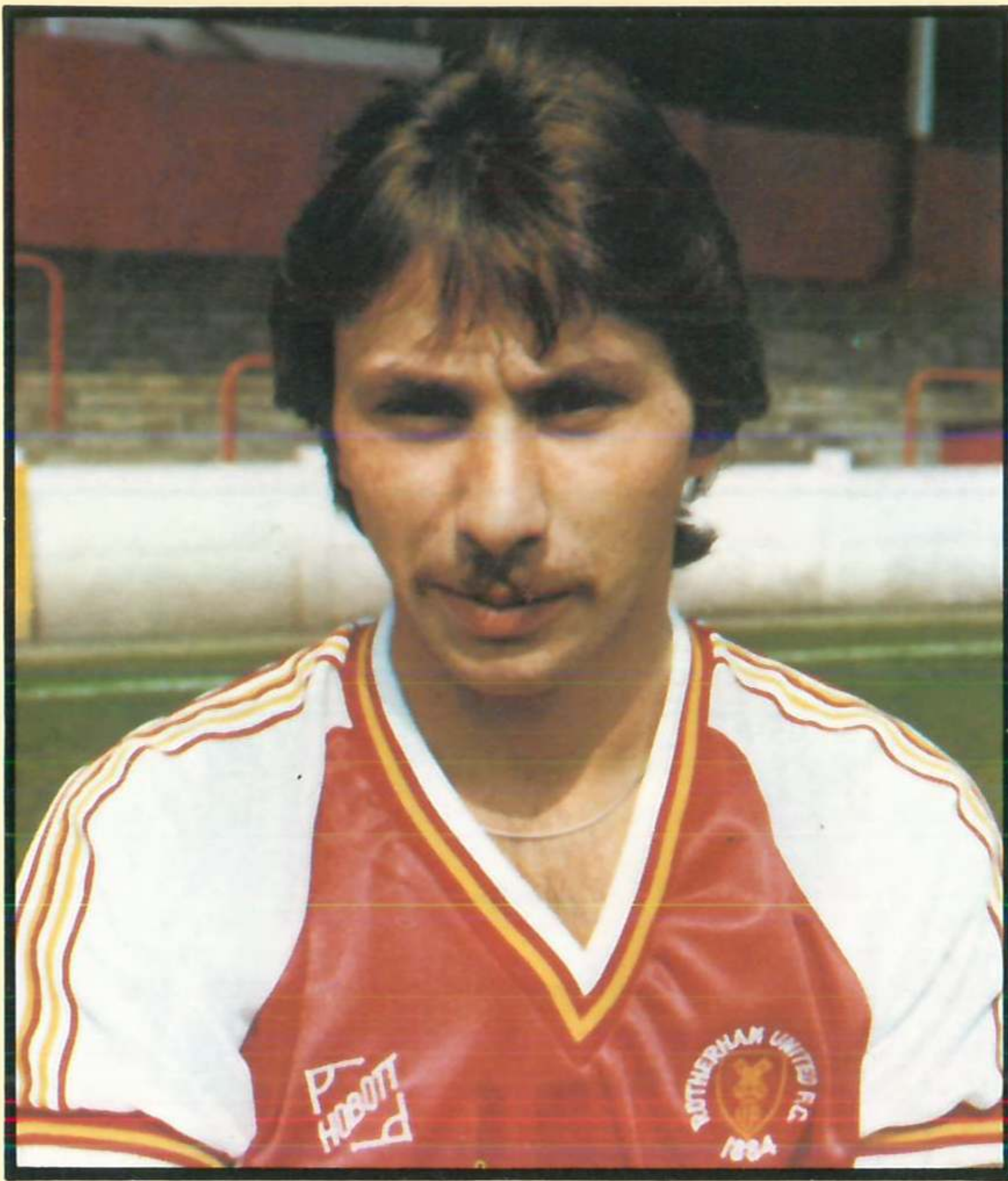
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GERALD FORREST

A PLAYER WITH AMBITIONS

GERALD FORREST is 23 years old. He is a professional footballer who is described by his manager as "a great prospect".

There are no pretences about this likeable young man, who far from adopting the fashionable image of a pampered overindulged pet, is modest, honest and an extremely hard worker.

You see Gerald is not a super star with one of the big glamour clubs, he is simply an ordinary lad enjoying his fortune, which is purely satisfaction and not financial, as fullback for Third Division Rotherham United.

"I worked on a building site for four years and to be a professional footballer and get paid for doing it is just marvellous," he smiles.

"To be able to keep yourself fit as part of your work and then go out and play football at the week-end and be paid to do it, what could be better. I can't think of anything."

Gerald as you can gather has a deep love for the game. As a teenager he played for a side called Southbank in the Northern League and it was while he was playing for them that a Rotherham scout spotted him.

"I had three trial games and then signed as a professional in 1977," recalls Forrest.

What struck him most about the pro game?

"I think the full-time training," is his reply. "Of course the game itself is a lot faster, you have to think and react quicker, but when you are training full-time it helps you in that respect."

"It can be pretty hectic playing part time you know. Doing a full days work and then training two nights a week."

Just how much fitter can you get then as a professional player?

BALANCE

"If you are training every day you get to a maximum fitness. It is then a question of maintaining that standard and it is up to yourself and the trainer to judge the delicate balance. I enjoy training if it is varied and there is not too much running without the ball."

"I used to be a sweeper and you can see the whole game from there it is easy to read. But about three months after I signed, I got a lucky break when the then manager, Jimmy McGuigan, put me in the side to replace an injured fullback. I did okay and I have stayed there ever since."

"I feel certain pressures playing as a professional. I like to do well every game because if I don't do well I feel that I am letting our supporters down. I think that is a kind of pressure. We are representing the town of Rotherham and the fans sort of look up to us, as if we were something special, and you feel you have to try and live up to that image."

Does Gerry feel restricted in his play?

"Yes to a certain extent. At this level it is your job and you more or less HAVE to win. This does play on your mind during a game, you can become more anxious and scared to make errors, whereas in non-League football it is not perhaps so critical."

"I have only played in the Third Division and it has always been a very tight competition. There are a lot of good players at this level and I honestly don't think the gap between us and the Second Division is that great now."

AT THE TOP

"Of course I want to play at the top that is only natural and if I can't get promotion with Rotherham I would like the chance to go on and better my career and eventually play in the First Division."

"But there is a great feeling here at Millmoor at the moment and we are looking forward to a good year. Last season was a period of change within the club, we had a new chairman and manager and it was just a matter of letting them settle down."

"Now they have we can have a real go at winning promotion, all we need are the breaks. We now have a good strong squad so that if we get injuries we can replace them. That wasn't the position last season."

With Rotherham now challenging strongly at the top, Gerry could well find himself in the Second Division next season, wearing Rotherham colours.

Wonderwoman discards her cloak

By Robin Katz

'Wonder Woman' is still a very popular television show in the U.K. But the beauty who earned her name in the series, Lynda Carter, is rapidly trying to move into the field cut out by American singer sexpots like Cher, Farrah Fawcett and Bo Derek.

Twenty eight year old Carter hasn't distinguished herself quite as dynamically as the aforementioned women just yet. But she's catching up quickly. She's even signed a recording contract with Motown, which makes her the stablemate of Diana Ross and Stevie Wonder to name two.

But little else is known about Carter, who unlike the drama queens of the 30's and 40's, seems to take her stardom with businesslike calm.

Born in Phoenix, Arizona she's the youngest of three kids. As a teenager she was the ugly duckling of her family. Once out of high school she joined a singing group, but she couldn't handle the pace and headed for a job as a fashion model instead. Then she became Miss USA. After touring the States with her title, Lynda settled in California and began to study acting.

In November 1975 she beat two thousand other actresses for the part of Wonder Woman. Having become a household name, a pin up poster, a doll and bubble gum cards, Lynda cashed in her armbands.

'It's no task to break the wonderwoman image because I'm not trying to break it,' she explained. 'I'm no longer afraid of it. It gave me a lot and I know the tagline will be around for a while, I can't expect people to forget something I did for four years. I'm not Wonder Woman.'

Proof of this is Lynda's athletic schedule. The one needed to maintain her well publicised physique.

'I do every kind of physical exercise you can think of. I run a mile and a half a day. I work with light weights. I do 250 leg lifts in the morning, ride a stationary bike, do stretches and play tennis. I can do several hundred laps in a Olympic size swimming pool. When I jog I really concentrate on flexing the muscles in my behind instead of simply going through the motions. The first three days of running are gruelling, but on the fourth you start feeling good.'

If the list of exercises doesn't exhaust you add to that Carter's other disciplines. She



doesn't drink or smoke or touch sweet foods. She hardly eats during the day and only has dinner in the early evenings.

She's married to Ron Samuels, who manages not only her career but also that of Charlies Angel Jaclyn Smith and Bionic beauty Lindsay Wagner. Samuels new breed of wholesome American beauties respect their bodies and health. And Samuels makes sure they get paid well for their hard work. Carter swing a cool million dollars for the last year she played Wonder Woman.

Now decked out in Cher type slinky gowns, she's pushing to make a name for herself as an all round entertainer. Filmwise, expect to see her in 'The Shroud' a film about the Shroud of Turin and 'Rose and Violet' a drama which will open next year.'

Will Lynda Carter go from being one kind of Wonder Woman to another? We shall see.

Tartan TOPICS

WITH JIM McDONALD

THAT World Cup qualifying win in Sweden has set the Scottish fans singing again.

All the bitter memories of Argentina '78 are forgotten as the Tartan Army get set to march on Spain in two years' time.

Confidence is sky-high that the Scots will qualify for the third successive time and the fans aren't the only people excited at the thought.

The SFA have offered an £80,000 bonus to the players if they qualify — with the promise of much more to follow if they do their stuff in Spain!

I TOLD you recently how the authorities north of the border were not amused at the standard of English entrants in the Anglo-Scottish Cup.

The Scottish League went as far as protesting to their English counterparts, claiming that the competition was meant for those teams who narrowly missed a European place.

But Airdrie, from the Scottish Premier League, did the argument no good at all when they played host to Bury, second from the bottom of the Fourth Division, in the first leg of their quarter-final tie.

The result was a sound 4-2 win for "second class" Bury!

THE loss of goalkeeper Alan McCulloch hit Kilmarnock in a big way.

Seven days after he broke his ankle Killie went down 8-1 at home to Rangers in a league game!

FALLING attendances are not restricted to the English scene. Thousands of fans are also staying away from games in Scotland.

Clubs are fighting the problem in different ways in an effort to bring back the missing supporters.

After a crowd of only 550 saw them draw a First Division game, Dumbarton slashed the price of admission to £1.00 from £1.30.

And St. Mirren are hoping to attract the fans with a dazzling package of pre-match entertainment that kicks off an hour before the main attraction.

Their first show included disco dancers, majorettes and a model flying display.

BACK in the big-time at the age of 34 — that's Airdrie goalkeeper Ernie McGarr.

After years in the doldrums he is playing in the Premier League with all his old enthusiasm for the game he nearly quit.

Yet 11 years ago he seemed to have it made. Playing in the same Aberdeen team as Martin Buchan, now at Manchester United, he graduated to full international honours.

When he lost his place to Bobby Clark he moved to Dunfermline and then East Fife and Cowdenbeath, clubs far removed from the international scene.

"I was on the point of giving up when Airdrie came in for me," he says. And at just £6,000 the experienced 'keeper could turn out to be the bargain buy of the season.

ABERDEEN striker Joe Harper may be sidelined for most of the season through injury — but he wore a giant-sized smile recently.

Reason was that the burly forward who normally nets goals instead netted around £30,000 from 13,000 fans at his Testimonial match at Pittodrie.

Joe, with his right leg in plaster after an operation to repair damaged knee ligaments, sat in the dug-out and watched his team-mates beat an international select 8-6.

ALBUM REVIEW

'In The Beginning 1943-1951' Frank Sinatra (CBS)
'Screen Sinatra' Frank Sinatra (Capitol)

Two record companies raid their archives to coincide with the recent visit of fabulous Frank. The CBS set is a double album package containing twenty tracks from the crooning days when Sinatra was a near teen idol. Included are Gershwin's 'I've Got A Crush On You', Johnny Mercer's 'Dream' plus the inevitable 'Nancy (With The Laughing Face)'.

'Screen Sinatra' contains eighteen tracks, ranging from 1953's 'From Here To Eternity' through 1971's use of 'Dream' for Carnal Knowledge. In between are nostalgic heart tuggers like 'Young At Heart', 'Three Coins In The Fountain' and 'Chicago'. Guaranteed to add pizzazz to a dull day.

'Shadows and Light' Joni Mitchell (Asylum)

A double live album that picks up where the 'Miles of Aisles' live set left off. Mitchell's work has become redundant recently with her forays into jazz, accompanied by members of Weather Report critically acclaimed, but often dull on the ears. This set does contain the outstanding work of her past few studio albums 'Amelia', 'Free Man In Paris' plus her collaborations with Mingus, 'The Dry Cleaner From Des Moines' and 'Goodbye Pork Pie Hat'. Long time fans who have lost track of Mitchell of late will want to catch up here. Newcomers are better off with the superior 'Miles of Aisles' set.

'Hotter Than July' Stevie Wonder (Motown).

An inspiring album as Stevie leaves the secrets of plants behind for a deliberately more commercial venture. All the Wonder trademarks are here, humorously sexy disco songs, heart tugging ballads, a birthday song for Martin Luther King and the Bob Marley tribute 'Masterblaster'. A delicious collection.

'Paris' Supertramp (A&M)

A double live album recorded in Paris (Obviously!). It features a welcome cross section of successes from one of Britain's more intellectual music making bands. Includes 'The Logical Song', 'Breakfast In America' and 'Crime of the Century'. Audience atmosphere is helpful but not overbearing as with too many live efforts.

ASTON VILLA th

By Chris Moore

ONLY four clubs have won the First Division title more times than Aston Villa . . . yet it's 70 years since the Birmingham club last had their hands on the championship trophy.

The best they've managed since was to finish runners-up five times . . . but the last occasion was 47 years ago.

They've still won the FA Cup and Football



GORDON COWANS — A NATURAL

League Cup more times than anyone else, further underlining their standing as one of the country's premier clubs. Yet that failure to land the league championship has been a constant frustration to their fans for over half a century.

This season, however, Villa have emerged as genuine championship contenders once again, and there are high hopes in the Midlands that they are going to last the pace all the way.

Manager Ron Saunders has been forced to steer the club through some stormy seas in recent years, having had to contend with major problems both on and off the field.

He had his head on the chopping block last season after deciding to sell star striker Andy Gray, England full-back John Gedman and his other goalscoring forward John Deehan. At the same time he was well aware of a strong undercurrent circulating from the boardroom which could have swept him out of Villa Park had the present regime not survived a final showdown with former chairman Doug Ellis.

But Saunders sailed through those tempestuous waters almost unscathed, and having successfully rebuilt his third team in six years, now believes Villa possess the experience and quality to stay on the championship course.

THE BEST

"This is the best squad I've had since I came to Villa Park," said the former Norwich City manager, who predicted at the start of the season it would be 12 games before Villa really began to make people sit up and take notice.

"By that time we will have had the opportunity to settle down and will have a much clearer picture of where we're going," he said.

Significantly, Villa whalloped Tottenham 3-0 in their 12th game and those two points put them level with Ipswich at the top of the table.

Peter Withe's arrival from Newcastle, for a club record £500,000, has finally laid the ghost of Andy Gray, but the two players who have figured most prominently in Villa's success story so far, have been youngsters Gordon Cowans and Gary Shaw.

the team to watch

I certainly haven't seen a more naturally gifted young midfield player than Cowans over the last few years. He may lack the explosive finishing power of Tottenham's Glenn Hoddle, and perhaps doesn't score as many goals as he should. But he's a genuine artist on the ball, an accurate passer with both feet, with superb vision and tremendous work-rate.

He's going to be every bit as good as Liam Brady and must be a contender for England's World Cup squad if we qualify for Spain in 1982.

RELIABLE

Local-boy Shaw, who recently graduated to England's Under 21 squad, has been hitting the target regularly, and judging by his performances so far, former England international Brian Little will be hard pushed to win back his first-team spot when fully fit again.

Shaw, Withe and winger Tony Morley have, in fact, proved themselves as one of the most reliable striking units in the First Division, having shared 19 of Villa's first 26 goals between them.

"Goalscoring was a bit of a problem last season," admitted Saunders. "But we've had no complaints on that count up to now."

In midfield, also, Saunders has found the near-perfect blend, supplementing Cowans' brilliant ball control, with the contrasting skills of skipper Dennis Mortimer and Scot Des Bremner.

There's no shortage of steel in the side, either, especially where it matters, with Allan Evans and Ken McNaught two uncompromising central defenders, who have now ironed out their early difficulties.

And in goalkeeper Jimmy Rimmer, Villa have a player who must rate as Saunders' bargain-buy for only £70,000.

NO CHANGE

On paper, it's virtually the same side as last season, with the exception of Withe. But the big difference to date has been that Villa have managed to steer clear of serious injuries.

Skipper Mortimer said: "We've been crippled

with injuries over the last few years, rarely ever being able to field a full-strength side. I doubt whether any other club has suffered as badly.

"But this season we've been turning out the same side most weeks and you can see for yourself the difference it's made."

No-one at Villa, least of all Saunders, is talking about winning the championship. But my advice is not to bet against them.



KEN McNAUGHT — UNCOMPROMISING DEFENDER

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Colin Benson's world of soccer

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I was walking towards Spurs ground the other week when the news came through that the great North London League Cup dual between them and Arsenal had been postponed a week because of the Republic of Ireland's insistence that players be released for their World Cup match in Paris.

Two disgruntled fans behind me were very upset and one said to the other that he could not see why the game could not be played anyway.

It raised an interesting point, because obviously this man had planned his week to accommodate that game, and to be told two days before the game it was off, was like a kick in the teeth.

Tottenham Hotspur as it happens were not to blame, they would have played, but Arsenal deprived of two key players were not to agree, and one can understand their point.

However it is very difficult to sympathise with the Irish Football Association who arranged or at least agreed to the fixture which was outside the dates agreed by the Football League and the home Associations.

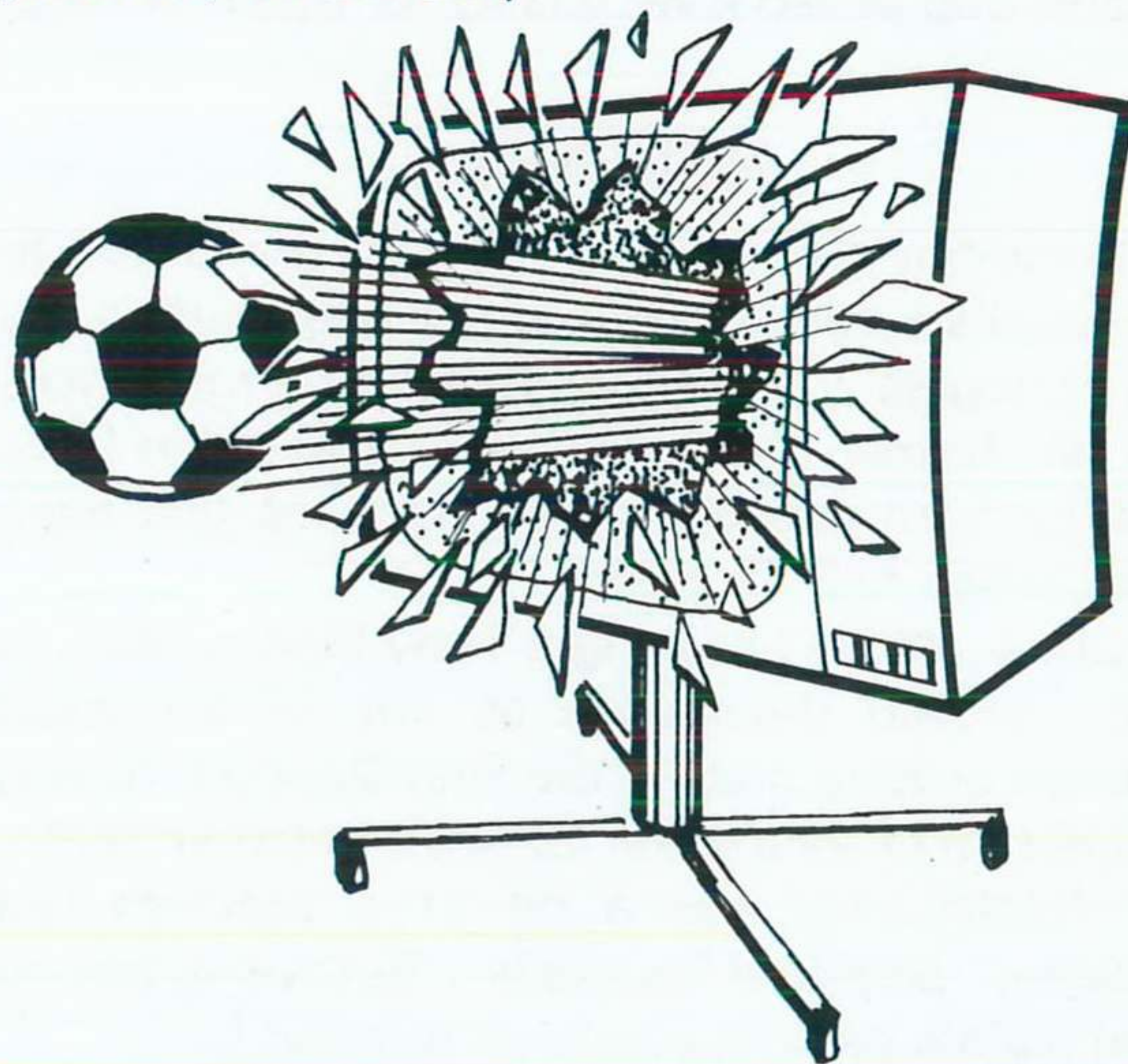
If they want to continue these practices then they should do so without the players playing in the Football League, unless the clubs concerned have no objection.

The whole affair seems to have been very badly handled from the off and I understand from one League club manager that his club were not notified of the arrangements for one of their players to travel until the Saturday morning post. And the F.A. of Ireland wanted him to report on the Sunday.

A LESSON LEARNED — There is a feature in this magazine about Rotherham United fullback Gerry

Forrest. I asked Gerry who is the best player he has ever marked, and he replied, "Willie Johnston. It was only my third or fourth game and we were against W.B.A. in the League Cup. I was supposed to mark Johnston but it was impossible, I did not know where he or for that matter I was. But it was an experience and I learned one thing. Never play against Willie again."

OPTIMIST — You must have seen Kevin Beattie's spectacular goal against Bohemians, at least on the television. But it was manager Bobby Robson's remark after the game that I enjoyed. "That was all Kevin was put on for," he said coolly.



JUNIOR QUIZ TIME

- Which American team does Roger Davies play for?
- Have Portsmouth ever been League Champions?
- Who plays at Home Park?
- What is the nickname of Peterborough United?
- Which is the oldest club in the F.L.?
- Who is the captain of Liverpool?
- Which club played at Anfield Road before moving to its present ground?
- Who is the manager of Doncaster Rovers?
- Who won the 3rd Division last season?
- Who won the Anglo-Scottish Cup last season?

FUN SPOT

Name this player. He was born in Hull and started his professional career with Wolves. This season he should complete his 500th League appearance after terms with Bolton, Northampton, Carlisle, Birmingham, Blackpool and Luton. And in front of goal he is as sharp as the team he now plays for?

Fun Spot: Bob Hutton — Sheffield United.

Junior Quiz Answers 1. Seattle Sounders, 2. Twice, 1949 - 1950, 3. Plymouth, 4. The Posh, 5. Notts County, 6. Phil Thompson, 7. Everton, 8. Billy Bremner, 9. Grimsby Town, 10. St. Mirren.

BOLTON RECORD

Part 35 — Season 1926/27

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Division One	Home	Away
Arsenal	2-2	1-2
A. Villa	0-2	4-3
Birmingham	1-0	1-6
Blackburn	5-1	3-0
Burnley	3-1	3-4
Bury	2-2	0-2
Cardiff	2-0	0-1
Derby	3-1	0-2
Everton	5-0	1-1
Huddersfield	4-0	0-1
Leeds	3-0	5-2
Leicester	2-0	1-0
Liverpool	2-1	2-3
Man. United	4-0	0-0
Newcastle	2-1	0-1
Sheffield Wed.	3-2	1-2
Sheffield United	4-1	1-1
Sunderland	2-2	2-6
Tottenham	2-2	0-1
W.B.A.	1-1	1-1
West Ham	2-0	4-4

F.A. CUP

Rd. 3 — Blackpool (a)	3-1
Rd. 4 — Leeds (a)	0-0
(h)	3-0
5 — Cardiff (h)	0-2

League goalscorers

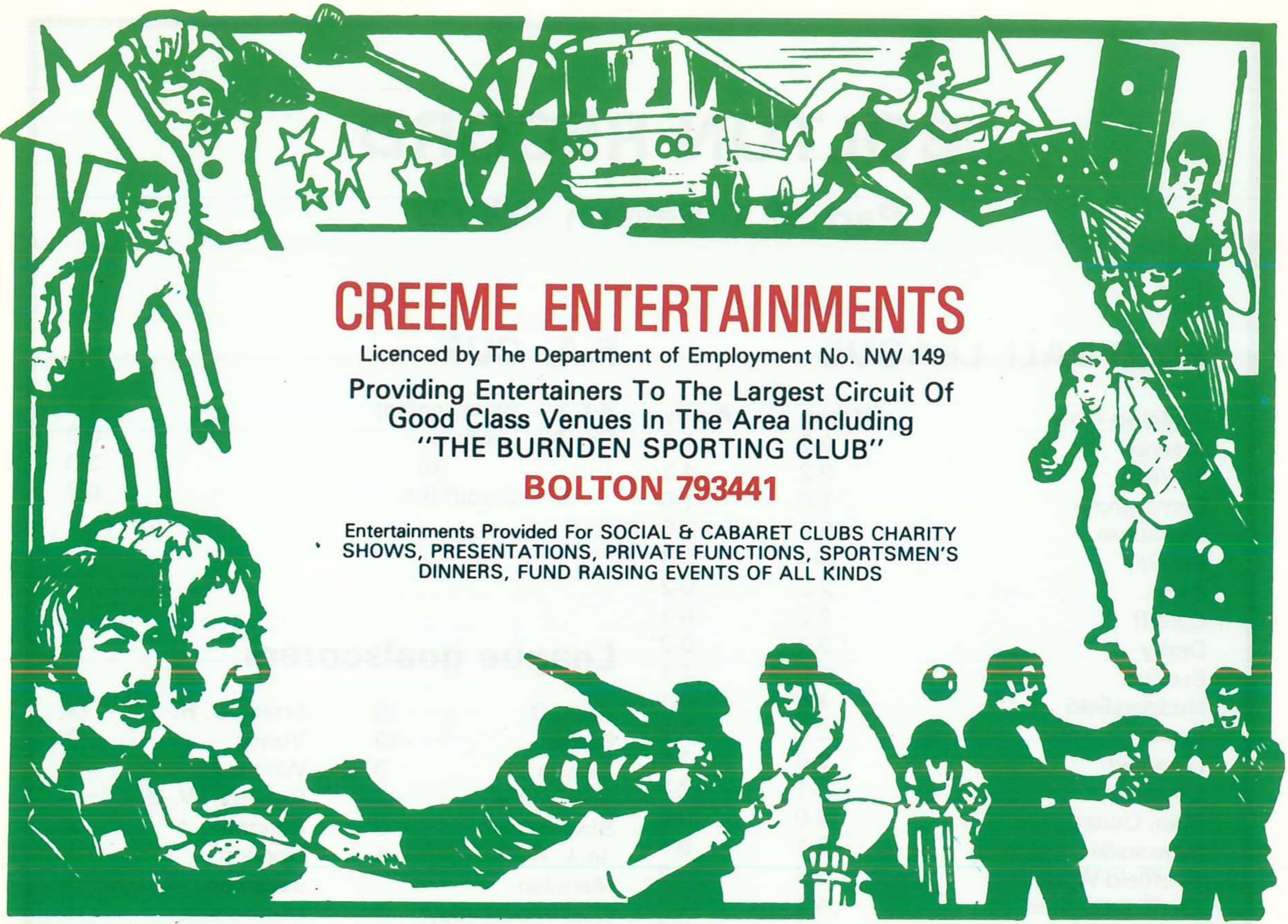
Jack, D.	16	Smith, J. R.	13
Butler	10	Vizard	9
Gibson	9	Wright	7
Smith, Joe	7	Roberts, W. D.	4
Blackmore	3	Baggett	2
Jack, R.	1	Seddon	1
Marsden		Jakeman	
(The Wednesday)	1	(Aston Villa)	1

FOOTBALL LEAGUE appearances:

Baggett, W. J.	3	Blackmore, H.	5
Boston, H. W.	3	Butler, W.	39
Cope, J. W.	26	Finney, A.	33
Gibson, G.	14	Gill J. J.	2
Greenhalgh, H.W.	33	Haworth, R.	15
Jack, D. B. N.	38	Jack, R. R.	5
Jennings	10	Nuttall, H.	35
Piciken, H.	6	Pym, R. H.	37
Roberts, C. L.	2	Roberts, W. D.	5
Round, J. H.	5	Seddon, J.	35
Smith, J. R.	32	Smith, Joe	12
Thornborough, E. H.	15	Vizard, E. T.	29
Wagstaffe, J.	3	Wright, W. B.	17
Yates, W.	3		

DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle United	42	25	6	11	96	58	56
Huddersfield	42	17	17	8	76	60	51
Sunderland	42	21	7	14	98	70	49
Bolton Wanderers	42	19	10	13	84	62	48
Burnley	42	19	9	14	91	80	47
West Ham Utd.	42	19	8	15	86	70	46
Leicester City	42	17	12	13	85	70	46
Sheffield United	42	17	10	15	74	86	44
Liverpool	42	18	7	17	69	61	43
Aston Villa	42	18	7	17	81	83	43
Arsenal	42	17	9	16	77	86	43
Derby County	42	17	7	18	86	73	41
Tottenham H.	42	16	9	17	76	78	41
Cardiff City	42	16	9	17	55	65	41
Manchester Utd.	42	13	14	15	52	64	40
Sheffield Wed.	42	15	9	18	75	92	39
Birmingham	42	17	4	21	64	73	38
Blackburn Rovers	42	15	8	19	77	96	38
Bury	42	12	12	18	68	77	36
Everton	42	12	10	20	64	90	34
Leeds United	42	11	8	23	69	88	30
W.B.A.	42	11	8	23	65	86	30



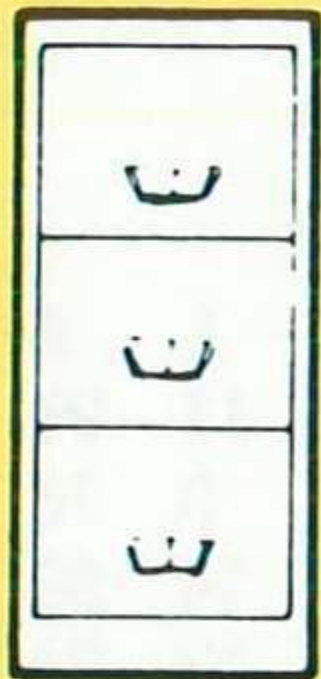
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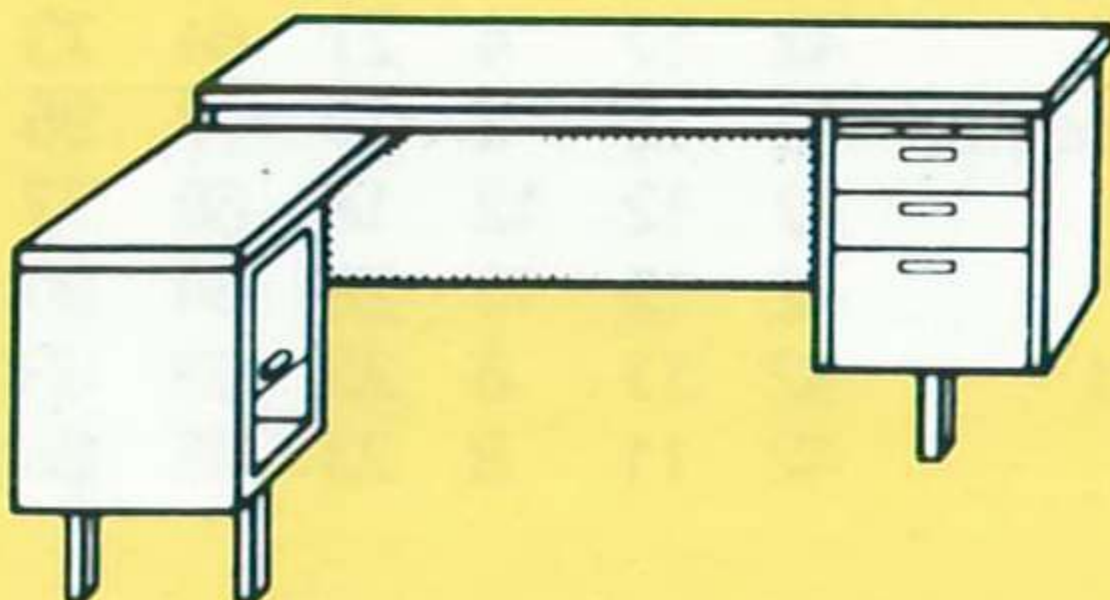
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ACTION



BOLTON v GRIMSBY

Left: Mike Carter in action
Below: Goalmouth action

Photo: Harry McGuire (Leigh 602135)



BOLTON v NOTTS COUNTY

Right: Neil Whatmore celebrates after Brian Kidd's goal
Below: Brian Kidd set to score his goal in the 3-0 win



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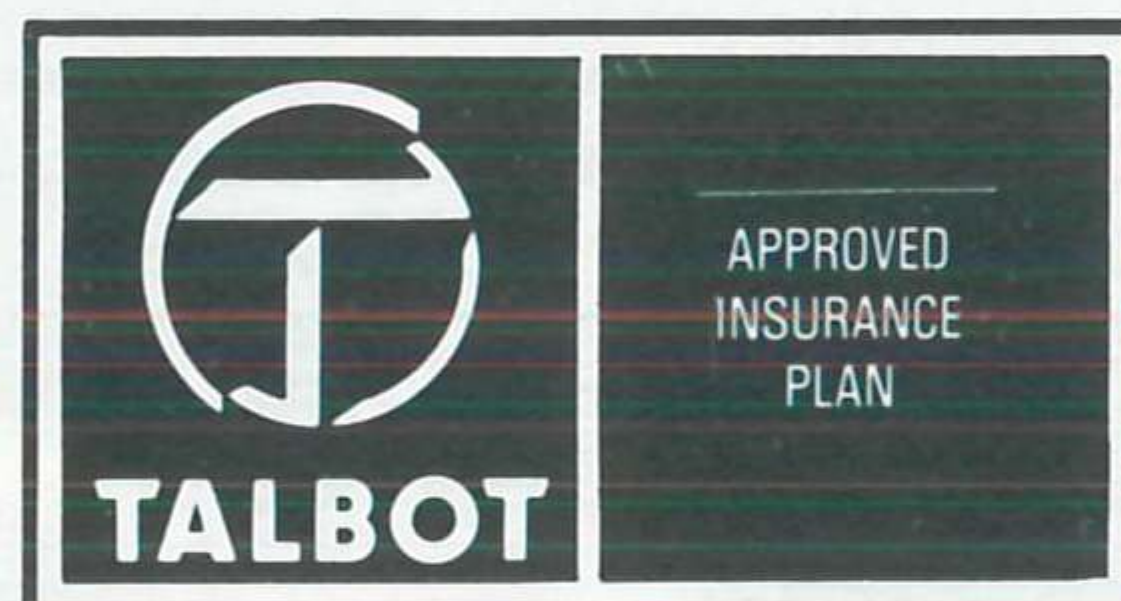
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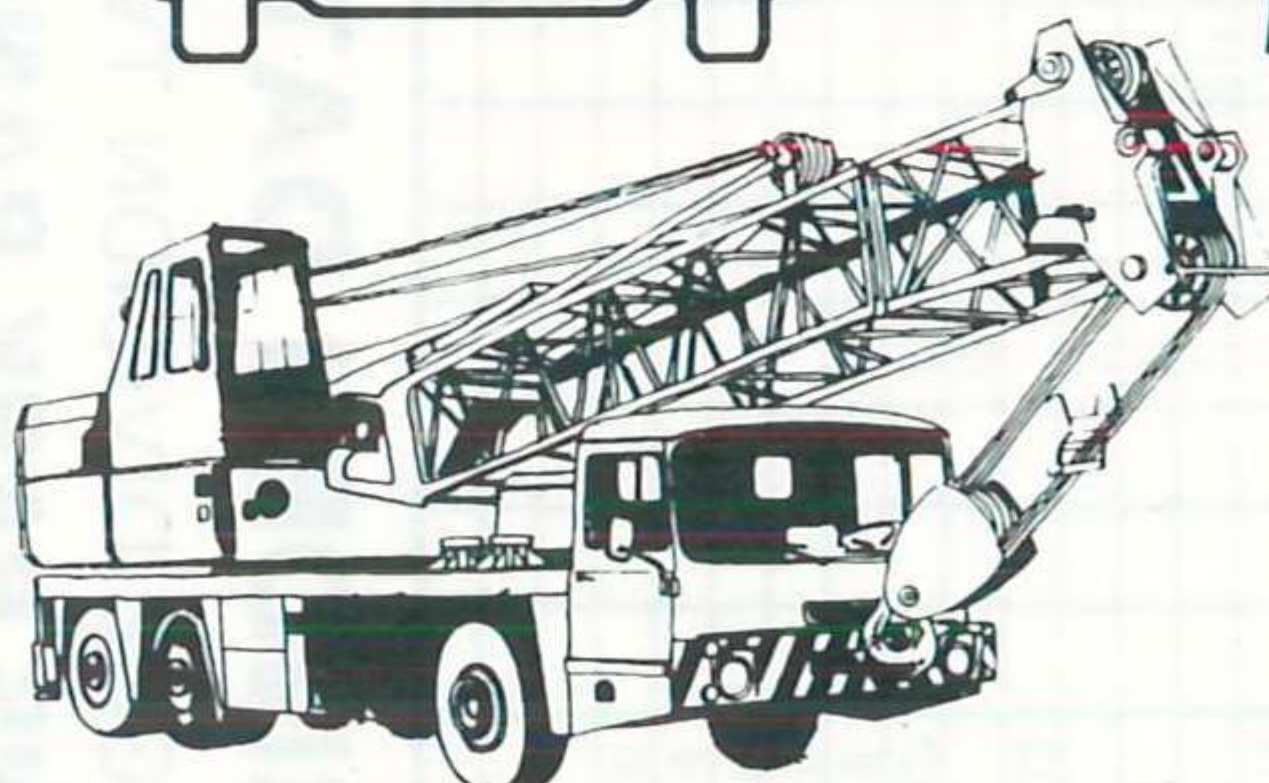
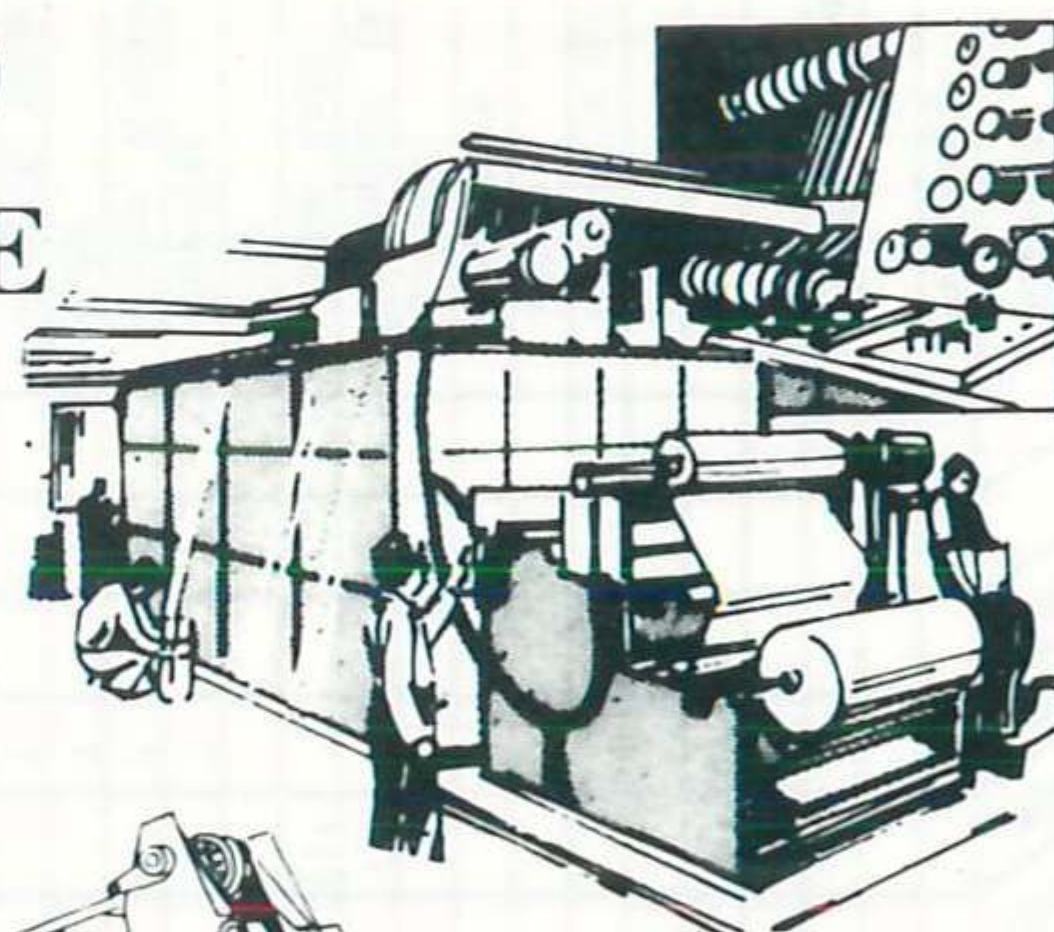
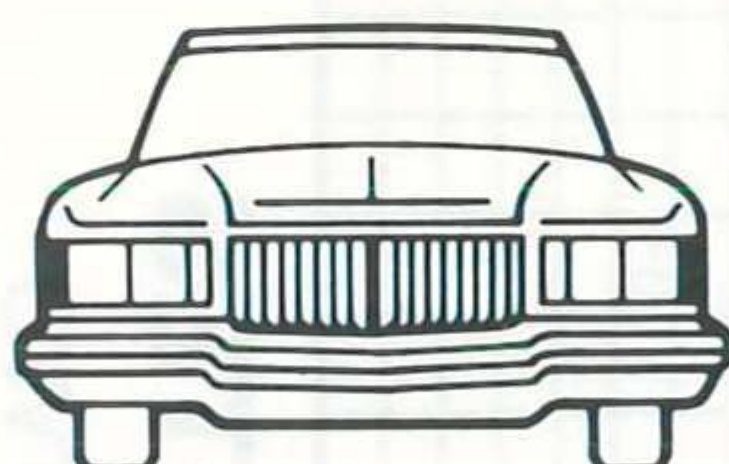
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LUTON v BOLTON

Main Pic: Brian Kidd gets in a header

Inset: Neil Whatmore slides in to score Bolton's first goal



Photo: Harry McGuire (Leigh 602135)

Facts & Figures 1980-81

HOME GAMES
IN CAPITALS

*Denotes
Sub used

Sub used		FA	Attn	Pe	Gr	Bur	Whi	Joi	Wat	Go	Whi	Car	Kid	Can	Ber	Hog	Nov	Cle	Mc	Nic	Pod	Tho	Nick	Ref	Mod	Scorers
Aug.	16 Notts County	1-2	7,459	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12											Whatmore
	19 SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	0-0	15,926	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		12										Kidd(3) Whatmore
	23 NEWCASTLE	4-0	11,835	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			12									
	26 L.C. CRYSTAL PALACE	0-3	9,913	1	2	3	4*	5	6	7	8	9	10			11	12*									
	30 Derby County	0-1	17,378	1		3		5	6	7	8	9	10	4		11	12	2								Kidd
Sept.	2 L.C. Crystal Palace	1-2	15,536	1	3			5*	6	7	8	9	10	4		11	12*	2								Griffiths (o.g.) Gowling (pen)
	6 BRISTOL ROVERS	2-0	8,712	1	3	12*			6*	7	8	9	10	4		11		2	5							Walsh
	13 Cardiff	1-1	6,532	1	3	12*	5*	6	9	8		10	4			11	7	2								Whatmore
	20 SWANSEA	1-4	9,419	1	3	9		6	5	8		10	4			11	7	3	12							Cantello
	27 Oldham	1-1	10,174		2	3	12	5	6	9	8		10	4		11					1	7				Thompson, Gowling
Oct.	4 CHELSEA	2-3	11,888		2	3		5	6	9	8		10	4*		12					1	7	11			Carter, Kidd
	7 Shrewsbury Town	2-1	5,077		12	3	7	5	6	9		8	10	4							2	1	11*			Kidd
	11 Queens Park Rangers	1-3	8,641		3	7		5	6	9	8	11	10	4	12						3	1				Gowling
	18 BRISTOL CITY	1-1	8,988		2	11		5	6	9	12	8	10	4							1		7			Carter, Whatmore
	21 PRESTON NORTH END	2-1	10,713		2	3		5	6	11	8	9	10	4		12					1		7			Kidd
	25 West Ham United	1-2	25,277		2	3		5	6	11	8	9	10	4							12	1				Kidd (3), Whatmore, Hoggan, Cantello
Nov.	1 CAMBRIDGE UNITED	6-1	8,016		3			5	6	11	8	9*	10	4		12*					2	1				Hoggan
	8 Watford	1-3	11,296		3			5	5	11	8		10	4	12	9					2	1				
	11 Sheffield Wednesday	0-2	16,262		2	3	12	5	6	11	8		10			9					1	4				
	22 GRIMSBY TOWN (1)	1-1	9,031		2	3		5	6	4	8	9	10*			11					1		7	12*		Hoggan
	25 NOTTS COUNTY	3-0	7,344		2		4	5	6	11	8		10		12	9					3					Wilson (2), Kidd
	29 Luton Town	2-2	8,300		2		4	5	6	11	8		10		12	9					3	7	1			Whatmore (2)
Dec.	6 ORIENT																									
	13 Bristol City (2)																									
	19 QUEENS PARK RANGERS																									
	26 Wrexham																									
	27 BLACKBURN ROVERS																									
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Jan.	3 F.A. Cup 3																									
	10 Grimsby Town																									
	17 DERBY COUNTY																									
	24 F.A. Cup 4																									
	31 Newcastle United																									
Feb.	7 CARDIFF CITY																									
	14 Bristol Rovers (5)																									
	21 OLDHAM ATHLETIC																									
	28 Swansea City																									
Mar.	7 Chelsea (6)																									
	14 SHREWSBURY T. (LCF)																									
	21 Preston North End																									
	28 WEST HAM UNITED																									
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LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

(Up to and including Saturday 29th November 1980)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Goals	Pts
West Ham United	20	9	0	1	25	6	3	5	2	9	9	29	29
Chelsea	20	5	3	2	19	8	6	3	1	19	11	28	28
Notts County	20	6	4	0	16	6	4	4	2	9	11	28	28
Sheffield Wednesday	20	9	1	0	19	5	1	3	6	7	18	24	24
Swansea City	19	5	2	2	16	9	3	5	2	11	9	23	23
Blackburn Rovers	20	7	2	1	17	5	2	3	5	8	14	23	23
Orient	20	5	3	2	17	8	3	3	4	12	14	22	22
Derby County	20	4	4	2	16	14	3	4	3	11	13	22	22
Cambridge United	20	7	0	3	17	10	3	1	6	10	20	21	21
Newcastle United	20	5	3	2	10	7	2	3	5	7	20	20	20
Luton Town	20	4	4	2	16	12	3	1	6	10	14	19	19
Queens Park Rangers	20	5	3	2	17	6	1	3	6	10	15	18	18
Bolton Wanderers	20	5	3	2	22	11	1	3	6	10	18	18	18
Cardiff City	20	6	1	3	13	9	2	1	7	9	19	18	18
Preston North End	19	4	4	1	12	7	1	4	5	5	16	18	18
Shrewsbury Town	20	4	4	2	15	11	0	5	5	3	11	17	17
Wrexham	20	3	3	4	11	14	3	2	5	7	9	17	17
Grimsby Town	19	4	5	1	7	3	0	4	5	5	14	17	17
Watford	19	6	2	2	15	10	0	1	8	7	17	15	15
Oldham Athletic	20	4	4	2	8	4	0	3	7	5	16	15	15
Bristol City	20	3	5	2	10	7	0	2	8	5	21	13	13
Bristol Rovers	20	1	6	3	11	12	0	3	7	5	20	11	11

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in 1978 and an F.A. Cup Semi-Final in 1980.
A former County Schoolboy and Under
18 Amateur with Newcastle United. His
hobbies are cricket and athletics. A married
man with three children and is a self-
employed jeweller.

CENTRAL LEAGUE

1980-81	CENTRAL LEAGUE	F	A
Aug.	SHEFFIELD WED. Manchester United	1	2
	Coventry City	1	2
Sept.	Manchester City Bury	1	3
	NOTTINGHAM F. Liverpool	1	6
Oct.	LEEDS UNITED WEST BROM A. STOKE CITY Preston N.E.	0	0
	Huddersfield T. Blackpool	2	2
Nov.	BURNLEY MANCHESTER UNITED Sheffield W. Aston Villa	1	0
	Derby County WOLVERHAMPTON W.	1	1
Dec.	Sheffield United NEWCASTLE UNITED BLACKPOOL Leeds United	0	4
	DERBY COUNTY Everton	2	3
1981 Jan.	ASTON VILLA COVENTRY CITY Blackburn Rovers Stoke City MANCHESTER CITY	3	5
	Newcastle United Nottingham Forest BURY LIVERPOOL	1	1
Feb.	West Bromwich A. PRESTON N.E. Huddersfield Town SHEFFIELD UNITED Burnley	2	2
Mar.	EVERTON	0	0
Apr.	BLACKBURN ROVERS Wolverhampton W.	0	0
May			

FACTS & FIGURES

TEAM CHECK

Bolton Wanderers

- 1 Terry Poole
- 2 Mike Graham
- 3 Gerry McElhinney
- 4 Phil Wilson
- 5 Paul Jones
- 6 Mike Walsh
- 7 Peter Nicholson
- 8 Neil Whatmore
- 9 Dave Hoggan
- 10 Brian Kidd
- 11 Alan Gowling
- 12



Orient

- 1 Mervyn Day
- 2 Bobby Fisher
- 3 Bill Roffey
- 4 Tommy Taylor
- 5 Nigel Gray
- 6 Steve Parsons
- 7 John Chiedozie
- 8 Ian Moores
- 9 Joe Mayo
- 10 Stan Bowles
- 11 Peter Taylor
- 12

Referee:

K. A. Redfern (Whitley Bay)

Linesmen:

F. Roberts (Prestatyn) (Red Flag)

C. Tracy (Blackpool) (Yellow Flag)

HALF TIME SCOREBOARD

A	ARSENAL WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS		
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C	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION SUNDERLAND		
D	LIVERPOOL TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR		
E	MANCHESTER CITY IPSWICH TOWN		
F	MIDDLESBROUGH ASTON VILLA		
G	NORWICH CITY MANCHESTER UNITED		
H	NOTTINGHAM FOREST CRYSTAL PALACE		
I	SOUTHAMPTON COVENTRY CITY		
J	STOKE CITY EVERTON		
K	WEST BROMWICH ALBION LEEDS UNITED		
L			
M	BRISTOL ROVERS WREXHAM		
N	CAMBRIDGE UNITED QUEENS PARK RANGERS		
O	CARDIFF CITY GRIMSBY TOWN		
P	CHELSEA SWANSEA CITY		
Q	NEWCASTLE UNITED BLACKBURN ROVERS		
R	OLDHAM ATHLETIC LUTON TOWN		
S	PRESTON NORTH END DERBY COUNTY		
T	SHREWSBURY TOWN BRISTOL CITY		
U	WATFORD NOTTS COUNTY		
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